

Selectboard members present: Peter Marsh, Mathew Norris, Susan Jefferies (Chair)  
Others present: Tom Estey, Kerry Kurt, Norman Cota, Rick Burroughs, Andrew LaRosa,  
Robert Turner, Dennis Hysko, Bill Coon, Marjorie Dickstein

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

**Minutes:** M. Norris moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2015 meeting. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved. M. Norris moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting. S. Jefferies seconded. Voted and approved.

**Bills:** M. Norris moved to instruct the Treasurer to pay the bills as presented. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved.

**Visitor's Business: Norm Cota** discussed maintenance needs at town cemeteries, specifically Starksboro Village Cemetery where trees and brush are encroaching on headstones in the back. Some headstones are broken, tilting, or have fallen, which makes mowing difficult. The large stones cannot be moved by hand. M. Norris moved to hire Norm Cota and Eric Cota to cut the brush and trees. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved. S. Jefferies asked Norm Cota to provide an estimated budget amount to repair a couple of cemeteries per year.

**Mail:**

- The Selectboard received a reminder that the power purchase agreement with AllEarth Renewables expires in October. S. Jefferies to schedule AllEarth to attend a Selectboard meeting to discuss our options.

**Town Garage Committee:**

The Town Garage Committee met to discuss revised cost estimates and next steps. Andrew LaRosa reviewed the finding from the soil borings, noting that the test pits went down 7' before hitting native soils. The engineer's recommendation is to remove 7' of soil and add structural fill. There was discussion about possible ways to reduce the amount of sitework, and the town's ability to assist. A. LaRosa noted that the most recent estimate was based on the 70% set. The 90% set is now almost complete.

There was discussion about options including (initials indicate who made the comment):

- RT – Can we build on poorer soils with a building redesign?
- AL – There are options, but they may be more expensive.
- MD – Might there be value in having someone else look at the cost estimating?
- MD – Doesn't recommend redesign at this point. Send out the bid documents and see what we get back.

The Committee reviewed the list of possible bid alternatives, and elected to include the following items as possible alternates:

- Delete work associated with road
- Delete all paving
- Delete stairs and rail at mezzanine
- Delete trench drain
- Change to a metal roof instead of membrane
- Bid the salt and sand shed as a separate project

Bid documents are expected to be ready by Friday, August 7 unless there is a delay for geotech work. The bidders will be given three weeks to respond. The bid opening is tentatively scheduled for September 3. The Committee will meet again on September 8.

Jan McCleery has been working on a grant application for the salt and sand shed. R. Turner will provide information regarding proximity to Lewis Creek and wetlands.

R. Turner prepared a list of questions to ask references for prequalification of bidders. References will be checked by the end of the week and S. Jefferies will inform the bidders of their qualification status.

B. Coon asked K. Kurt whether she was happy with the town's plan. She replied that she is not comfortable with exactly where the buildings will go because the stakes are not in the correct position. B. Coon noted that the original site had to be moved approximately 50' north because of the wetlands. The building is within the building envelope as defined by the Vermont Land Trust, and the town intends to improve the berm. K. Kurt said that she considered the garage construction and her purchase of town property to be connected. S. Jefferies noted that in order to complete a boundary adjustment, both parcels of land had to have exactly the same names on the title.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

- 6:00 – Kerry Kurt – discuss terms of purchase and sale agreement and property boundary.

August meetings will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> will adjourn by 6:50 so the Selectboard can attend the Robinson Elementary School meeting at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Jefferies