

Selectboard members present: Peter Marsh, Tony Porter, Susan Jefferies (Chair)  
Others present: Tom Estey, Celine Coon, Bill Coon, Craig Breslen, Dan Hanson

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

**Minutes:** T. Porter moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2016 Selectboard meeting. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved.

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

**Road Foreman's Report:** T. Estey reported that they are crushing at the pit. Compressed air is being installed in the town garage. The Selectboard approved hiring someone to mortar and seal the new salt shed. There are a few small punch list items to be completed. C. Coon noted that we have until June 30 to return any construction loan money we don't intend to spend, or we will be charged interest. She will confirm that the loan can be prepaid without penalty.

There was discussion about remaining work to be done on the project, including transferring the recycling and trash collection. Moving the recycling location will require a new permit. T. Estey will get an estimate on the cost of pouring a concrete pad for the roll offs. S. Jefferies discussed purchasing portable lifts to use when working on the trucks. Installing a lift was left out of the original garage plans due to cost considerations. T. Estey said that portable lifts could be purchased for approximately \$20,000. T. Estey will provide more information on the cost and the situations where the lifts would be used.

The scale house has been demolished and the scale sold for scrap metal. The cost of removal is not related to the garage, and will be paid from the major maintenance budget.

The garage open house is scheduled for Saturday, June 18 from 9:30 am to noon.

**Mail:** P. Marsh moved to reappoint Tom Estey as Starksboro's Fire Warden. T. Porter seconded. Voted and approved.

**Visitor's Business:**

- **Craig Breslen of Green Mountain Power** – C. Breslen reviewed GMP's plan to extend three phase power on Jerusalem Road. T. Porter noted that there are long term plans to construct a fire station near the Jerusalem Schoolhouse, and asked that the poles be situated so they wouldn't interfere with those plans. C. Breslen said that they could move the pole. T. Porter will meet with him to review the site for the pole. P. Marsh moved to approve the Green Mountain Power right and easement to place power lines on town property at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. T. Porter seconded. Voted and approved.
- **Celine Coon** – Several items were discussed, including:

- a. The cleaning person will be away for the month of July. The Selectboard asked to know who would be substituting before approving.
  - b. Starksboro Listers are paid less than most other towns, so the Selectboard might want to consider an increase in our next budget.
  - c. The Selectboard will need to approve raises to take effect July 1. S. Jefferies will verify what percentage was used in the budget and include in the June 21 agenda.
  - d. Town cemeteries are not being preserved. The Selectboard noted that this will be included in future budgets when the Cemetery Commissioner provides an estimated cost.
  - e. A request was made to install a flagpole by the monuments behind the town office. This would have to be permitted and the light downshielded. There was discussion about the cost of installation and maintenance. T. Porter will talk with the person making the request.
  - f. Towns will be required to accept food waste for recycling in 2020. The Selectboard has discussed having someone available during recycling hours with a truck to accept food waste and remove it immediately.
  - g. Some recent costs could either be charged to the FY15-16 garage budget, or added to the cost of the new town garage. The Selectboard agreed that any item that would have been done regardless of the new garage construction should be part of the annual garage budget. T. Porter said that the road crew doesn't get cell phone service at the new garage. P. Marsh and S. Jefferies approved the cost of a microcell tower for use at the garage.
  - h. The truck approved for purchase at town meeting should be delivered at the end of June. C. Coon will arrange financing to be approved at the June 21 Selectboard meeting.
- **Dan Hanson** – This was scheduled to be a discussion with Starksboro's Animal Control Officer, who had to cancel due to illness. The Selectboard will attempt to schedule a special meeting next week. D. Hanson stated that there has been another incident where he and his wife were threatened. He also said that the dogs seem to be gone at the moment. P. Marsh suggested that the town could write a letter asking for assistance, noting that the town's powers are somewhat limited regarding police matters.

**Old Business:**

- **Zoning Regulations** – P. Marsh said that the Selectboard should revise the regulations related to the elderly housing density bonus. The Selectboard agreed that updating the town plan should not delay the approval process for the revised zoning regulations. If the Selectboard decides to have a public vote in August, that decision will have to be made very soon after the June 25 public hearing. In order to meet the timing requirements, the June 25 meeting will also be warned as a Selectboard meeting.
- **Sale of Land at Gravel Pit** – The survey may not be complete, which could delay Development Review Board review. T. Porter will look into this before the DRB meeting on June 9.

**New Business:**

- **Noise Complaint** – T. Porter spoke with the person who is concerned about noise from shooting in the Starksboro/Monkton/Hinesburg area. It doesn't appear that the noise is coming from Starksboro.
- **Speed Limit on Rt 17** – A resident asked T. Porter whether the speed limit on Rt 17 could be reduced between Memorial Park and Robert Young Road. This is a state road, and the question will be referred to Starksboro's Transportation Advisory Committee representative.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

- Zoning regulations
- FY 16-17 pay increases for town employees
- Relocation of recycling facility

The next regular meeting will be June 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be an informational meeting about the proposed zoning regulations on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, followed by a special Selectboard meeting. July meetings will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. S. Jefferies will not be available for the meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Jefferies