

Selectboard members present: Peter Marsh, Tony Porter, Susan Jefferies (Chair)  
Others present: Tom Estey, Dan Baker, Kerry Kurt

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

**Board Organization:** S. Jefferies was elected Selectboard Chair at a special meeting held March 8, 2016 at 10:30 am. P. Marsh moved to approve the following appointments. T. Porter seconded. Voted and approved:

- Poundkeeper – Wayne Marcelle
- Tree Warden – Tom Estey
- Fence Viewers – Selectboard
- Inspectors of Lumber, Shingles and Wood – Selectboard
- Weighers of Coal – Selectboard
- Representative to Addison County Solid Waste Management District – Susan Reit de Salas
- Town Service Officer – Michael Gray

Regularly scheduled Selectboard meetings will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Minutes:** P. Marsh moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting. S. Jefferies seconded. Voted and approved.

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

**Road Foreman's Report:** T. Estey said that Parent Construction has moved some material off of the land to be sold. The new tandem truck has been ordered with a longer (14') body at no increase in cost. We have received payment from FEMA for the tree work done after the December 12, 2014 storm. P. Marsh noted that PACIF grants may be available for the eye wash station at the new town garage, bollards to protect the fuel tank and other safety equipment.

**Mail:**

- **Rutland Resolution** – The Town of Rutland has prepared a resolution asking that the state give towns greater control over the siting of renewable energy installations. Rutland has asked other towns in Vermont to join them in this request. P. Marsh moved to approve the Rutland Resolution. T. Porter seconded. Voted and approved.
- **Highland Estates of Starksboro** – Jim Runcie informed the Selectboard that the potential purchaser of Highland Estates has raised a title issue related to “lease land” (Glebe lands) and has requested that the Town of Starksboro sign a quit claim deed to clear the title. The Selectboard signed a quit claim deed for a similar issue in the past. The Selectboard agreed to approve the quit claim.
- **Listers' Certificate** – T. Porter moved to approve and P. Marsh seconded the listers' Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending for the 2015 tax year.

**Visitor's Business:**

- **Dan Baker** – D. Baker met with the Selectboard to discuss the proposed revision to Starksboro's zoning regulations. He noted that the town plan expires later this year, and that the proposed zoning regulations are a big change from the current regulations. He would prefer that the town plan be updated before any changes are made to the zoning regulations. He has several concerns about the proposed zoning regulations and the town plan. There was discussion about growth in the town and the philosophy used for planning and zoning.

D. Baker also requested that the Selectboard make an effort beyond the minimum requirement for a public hearing to engage the residents of Starksboro in understanding and participating in the process of updating the zoning regulations. He asked whether the Selectboard had decided whether to adopt zoning regs or have a public vote. S. Jefferies said that the decision had not been made, and agreed that residents should be involved in the process.

- **Kerry Kurt** – Several items were discussed related to the garage construction. K. Kurt expressed concern over the increased traffic and noise, specifically the backup alarms on town equipment. She would prefer that silent alarms be installed. T. Porter noted that the silent alarms would have to be replaced frequently because of the salt and heavy use. P. Marsh said that we included these alarms in our FY16-17 budget. S. Jefferies said that the salt shed would be white in order to maximize light permeability and longevity.

**New Business:** P. Marsh talked about the recent problem of the heat pumps freezing. The recommendation is to install a roof or gutters over the heat pumps. P. Marsh is willing to install the gutters. T. Porter moved and S. Jefferies seconded to hire P. Marsh install 6" gutters over the heat pumps at the Community Center and the town office.

**Old Business:** P. Marsh and Mitch Horner have looked into the problem of air quality in the listers' office. There is fiberglass insulation in the area under the floor, and animals have been living in the insulation. Their recommendation is to remove the fiberglass and spray foam insulation in the space. M. Horner will provide a price quote.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

- Garage construction update
- Board retreat scheduling

The next meeting will be March 22<sup>nd</sup>. P. Marsh will not be available for that meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Jefferies