

Selectboard members present: Peter Marsh, Susan Jefferies (Chair)

Others present: Tom Estey, John Bombard, Rebecca Leggett, Jess Messer, Ed Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

**Minutes:** P. Marsh moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2016 Selectboard meeting with corrections. S. Jefferies seconded. Voted and approved.

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

**Road Foreman's Report:** The berm required by the Vermont Land Trust between the town garage and the neighboring farm is complete. T. Estey will ask Adam Piper of VLT to approve the berm before planting. T. Estey said that the new truck should be ready by November 15, and the culvert on Ben Roberts Road is expected to be open to traffic by November 18. There was some discussion about traffic at the new recycling drop-off, and P. Marsh will mark an area to be used for parking.

**Mail:**

- P. Marsh moved to ratify the 2017 Municipal Planning Grant signed by the Selectboard on October 27, 2016. S. Jefferies seconded. Voted and approved.
- The Selectboard reviewed a proposed fee schedule prepared by Dave Wetmore, Zoning Administrator. Decision was postponed to a future meeting when the ZA can attend to discuss the schedule.
- P. Marsh moved to approve reimbursement of mileage of \$270 for Dave Wetmore to attend a FEMA Emergency Management Institute 2 273 course titled "Managing floodplain development through the National Flood Insurance Program". S. Jefferies seconded. Voted and approved.

**Visitors' Business:**

- **States Prison Hollow Road Speed Limit** – Residents of States Prison Hollow Road (John Bombard, Rebecca Leggett, Jess Messer and Ed Hall) asked the Selectboard to consider reducing the speed limit from 45 MPH to 35 MPH. They expressed several concerns about the current limit, including the blind curves and dips in the road. Several options for speed control were discussed. T. Estey will install a reduced speed warning sign. S. Jefferies will ask the Sheriff's Department to increase patrols on States Prison Hollow, and will follow up on the process of changing the speed limit. J. Bombard mentioned that a flashing yellow light would get attention, and asked the Selectboard to consider that option.

**New Business:** P. Marsh noted that there are some electrical issues with town buildings. Lights at the pottery studio and on the side of the library are not working, and we need to install GFIs at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. He will call Eastview Electrical.

**Old Business:**

- **Brown Hill Road Power Installation** – Property owners are reviewing options to see if they can reach a compromise.
- **Jerusalem Schoolhouse** – P. Marsh said that the work on the roof should be completed tomorrow.
- **Road and Trails Maintenance Policy** – The Selectboard will review the policy with the Road Foreman at our next meeting.
- **Increase Selectboard to 5 Members** – The special town meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Robinson School multipurpose room. An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm in the Starksboro Public Library.

**Agenda Items for November 22, 2016:**

- Class 4 Roads and Trails Policy
- Informational meeting and special town meeting to increase Selectboard to 5 members

The next meeting will be November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Jefferies