

Selectboard members present: Peter Marsh, Tony Porter, Susan Jefferies (Chair)  
Others present: Lynn Cling, Kurt Cling, Don Dolliver, Chris Zeno, Trixie Zeno, James Zeno, Alix Zeno, Craig Breslen (Green Mountain Power), Carol Cross, Peter Ryersbach

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

**Minutes:** T. Porter moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 Selectboard meeting with corrections. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved.

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

**Mail:**

- **Delegation of Authority to Accept Service of Act 250 Application Notice for Municipal Entities** – P. Marsh moved to approve the delegation of authority for the Town Clerk to receive notices. T. Porter seconded. Voted and approved.
- **Town Report Quote** – P. Marsh moved to approve the bit from Repro Graphics to print the town report for \$928. T. Porter seconded. Voted and approved.
- **Agenda for Special Selectboard Meeting** – The agenda for the special meeting to be held on October 11, 2016 will be to discuss and vote on interim zoning regulations.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:**

- **Road and Trails Maintenance Policy** – The policy was reviewed, with the comment that driveway permits should be reviewed to make sure that the form includes all work in the right of way. There was a question about whether the Selectboard was required to hold a hearing to adopt a policy. S. Jefferies will look into this.
- **Animal Control Officer** – The Selectboard discussed the pay difference between Starksboro and nearby towns for this position. P. Marsh moved to pay the Animal Control Officer \$15 per hour plus mileage and expenses plus \$100 per quarter for all other duties (phone calls, paperwork, follow up on citations). T. Porter seconded. Voted and approved. T. Porter noted that a Starksboro resident has expressed interest in the position.

**Visitors' Business:**

- **Brown Hill Road Power Line Installation** – Craig Breslen of Green Mountain Power reviewed options for installing power without using guy wires to stay entirely within the town right of way. He noted that in accordance with Title 19, GMP would request the right to trim trees within the ROW with property owners. If the request is denied, GMP would ask permission from the town. The installation on Brown Hill Road would be a combination of above ground and buried line. C. Breslen noted that the line hasn't been laid out yet so he doesn't have a specific plan. Chris Zeno asked that the town flag the ROW. C. Zeno also pointed out that the cost differential between above ground and buried line is significant.

T. Porter questioned whether the zoning regulations require DRB review. C. Zeno was asked to review this with Dave Wetmore. Lynn Cling asked whether canopy cutting was common in the Forest and Conservation district. T. Porter said that it happened frequently, noting that many class 3 roads are in that district.

C. Breslen said that the map and layout should be available for the October 18 Selectboard meeting.

- **Peter Ryersbach** – P. Ryersbach recommended that the town cover the cost of dinner for election workers during the November 8 election. The Selectboard approved this request.

P. Ryersbach pointed out that the town can appoint a deputy health officer, and that this position doesn't automatically default to the Selectboard chair. There was discussion about possible candidates.

**Agenda Items for October 18, 2016:**

- Class 4 Roads and Trails Policy
- Brown Hill Road Power Line Installation
- Purchase and Sale Agreement for Gravel Pit

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a special Selectboard meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Jefferies