

Selectboard members present: Peter Marsh, Mathew Norris, Susan Jefferies (Chair)  
Others present: Tom Estey, Jane Lazorchak, Linda Dague, Douglas Dague, Mike Shepard,  
Norman Cota

S. Jefferies called meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Minutes:** P. Marsh moved to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 Selectboard meeting with one correction. M. Norris seconded. Voted and approved. M. Norris moved to approve the September 2, 2014 Board of Health minutes. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved.

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

**Road Foreman's Report:** The box culvert on Jerusalem Road is complete. We have to replace the chloride trailer, which cannot be repaired and brought up to code. The Town Garage Advisory Committee will meet at the Bridport town garage for a tour of their facility on Tuesday, September 23 at 5:30 pm. Tom Estey will set up a site visit with the Vermont Land Trust to review the proposed location for a new town garage.

**Visitors' Business:**

**Vermont Fish and Wildlife** – Jane Lazorchak, Land Acquisition Coordinator for Vt. Fish and Wildlife, discussed a small parcel of land located in Starksboro in the Lewis Creek Wildlife Management Area that has been offered as a donation to Vt. Fish and Wildlife. Their policy is to not accept donations without approval from the town. They are interested in the land because it contains three tributaries to Lewis Creek. The parcel is about 20 acres and is assessed at \$108,000. The Selectboard approved the donation, and S. Jefferies signed a letter of approval.

**Jerusalem Schoolhouse** – Linda and Douglas Dague and Mike Shepard attended the meeting to review revised plans for the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. M. Shepard noted that the foundation problems should be addressed before any other work was done. There was discussion about the foundation, and the group concluded that an expert should be hired to look at the foundation. Several options to do the work were discussed.

The substantial elements of the redesigned ell were reviewed, and it was agreed that M. Shepard could prepare a preliminary budget based on these elements. The Friends of the Jerusalem Schoolhouse plan to hire M. Shepard to work with them on final plans and a budget.

L. Dague noted that there appears to be a buried phone cable in the area east of the building where they want to add parking. P. Marsh will call the phone company.

The discussion about grant opportunities was postponed until more information on the foundation is known.

**Cemetery Commissioner** – Norman Cota asked the Selectboard to approve a deed to be used to sell lots in town cemeteries. The Board reviewed two proposed deeds, and agreed to use a deed based on the document currently used by Green Mount Cemetery in Starksboro. There was discussion about the need for an inventory of the town cemeteries, including a map with the location of each gravesite. N. Cota will reference directions, the fence line, or nearby gravesites to describe the plot recently sold to Mark and Margaret Case. P. Marsh moved to approve S. Jefferies to sign the deed when it is completed. M. Norris seconded. Voted and approved.

**Mail:**

- **Driveway Permit** – M. Norris moved to approve a driveway permit for Eugene Van Steamburg and Kristi Bedard. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved.

**Agenda Items for October 7:** In addition to the items on every agenda (Road Foreman's Report, minutes, mail, orders, other business), the following items will be on the agenda -

- Town Garage advisory group update
- Jerusalem Schoolhouse
- Purchase of tables and chairs for elections to be stored at Robinson School

The final agenda will be posted at least 48 hours before the meeting

October meetings will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, which are the first and second Tuesdays.  
November meetings will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, which are the second and third Tuesdays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Jefferies