

1 **Selectboard**
2 May 20, 2019
3 MONTHLY MEETING

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5 *minutes. Meetings may be videotaped; recordings are held by Green Mountain Access Television. GMATV info:*
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7 Members Present: Susan Bartlett, Chair; David Gagnier, Vice-Chair; Roger Barry; Roger Audet and
8 Roland Boivin

9 Members Absent: None

10 Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Doug Weber, PE, Summit Engineering;
11 Chris Perkins; Gannell Bocash; Brad Carriere, Assistant Fire Chief, HPTFD;
12 Keith Ulrich, Hyde Park Town Health Officer; GMATV did videotape this meeting.

13 Susan opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- 14 1. **Welcome:** Agreed to add the appointment of regional planning representatives to the agenda. Brad
15 Carriere asked about the fire services meeting last week and why set up just for fire chiefs. Brad
16 stated it was confusing why the officers were not invited. Dave said it was intended to be a
17 preliminary meeting to define what long-term fire service topics needed more discussion by the
18 community. Susan stated that others can always attend a public meeting but may or may not be
19 asked to speak. Brad stated that Roger Audet shouldn't be participating in fire department
20 discussions because he has a grudge against the department. Roger asked why Brad thought there
21 was a grudge and Brad stated that he felt that way based on how Roger acted toward the
22 department at prior meetings. Susan stated that all points are welcome, and Brad should feel free
23 to come to future meetings. Brad stated that the fire department's bylaws should be fine the way
24 they are and asked why the Selectboard is reviewing them now, a process that started in 2016 with
25 the town attorney. Susan stated that the bylaws were not as clear as they should be and the town
26 attorney and others have recommended that an update is needed because the bylaws apply to a
27 municipal fire department. Brad suggested that the fire chief should be able to run the department
28 as they feel appropriate, and Susan said that the town's review is being done to make sure
29 everything is run properly not to micro-manage. Brad, as the Assistant Fire Chief, was concerned
30 that there is a rumor that this Selectboard was not going to appoint him as Chief when Ed Webster
31 retires. Susan clarified that the Selectboard has not spoken about Ed Webster retiring or who might
32 be appointed by the Selectboard. Susan stated that she appreciated Brad asking about rumors.
- 33 2. **NEMS Annual Ambulance Agreement:** Scott Griswold was present to review the annual contract
34 for \$103,841, with funding approved by voters at Town Meeting 2019. Scott reported that the NEMS
35 staffing is in very good shape now. Motion by Roger to sign the NEMS FY2020 agreement for
36 \$103,841. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 37 3. **Bocash Water Supply Inspection Update** – Town Health Officer Keith Ulrich was present to
38 review the Town's water testing over the past several months at the Bocash residence. Keith
39 reported that the Bocash family approached the Town in late-November 2018 with a report of very
40 high sodium levels in their shallow well on the east side of Garfield Road. Keith noted that some
41 roadside work was done recently with the Bocash family then noticing salt on their dishes. Since
42 that time, the Town conducted water tests looking for sodium and chloride but could not replicate
43 the high concentrations. Ms. Bocash reported that ice cubes tasted like salt. About three weeks
44 ago, the Town inspected the well and discussed adding a roadside drainage berm northerly of the
45 well that should push roadside water away from the shallow well. The Town also inspected the well
46 and saw roots growing into the well. Roger Barry thought the small berm could be located within
47 the public road right-of-way and the early winter snow, which was melted by road salt, could have
48 washed into the shallow well area. Keith thought the small berm would work. Chris noted the berm
49 would extend into the Bocash property and he would like to see the small berm built to serve as a
50 water bar to direct water onto the easterly portion of their property, to be dissipated on the backside
51 of the parcel, away from the well. Chris stated that this would be the cheapest and easiest way to
52 help the situation. Roger Barry thought the crown in the road is newer and could have contributed
53 to more runoff headed to the shallow well side of the road. The Board agreed the berm was a good
54 idea and Roland will go look at the site and the proposed small berm with Chris this weekend.

1 4. **Public Information Meeting** - MM18 "The Sink Hole Project" West Main Street - Doug Weber, PE.
2 Engineering plan review – Johnson St Extension stormwater improvements & ravine work. Doug
3 Weber presented the plans for the project and asked for any comments. Doug noted that this project
4 is four projects with two funding sources:

5 a. **Realignment of West Main Street at Main St.** – New sidewalks with a new stop condition
6 for West Main entering Main Street. Pedestrians will not cross Main Street at this intersection
7 but walk to a crosswalk near the Opera House.

8 b. **Johnson St Extension Stormwater Project (Sink Hole)** – The 8" stormwater clay tile pipe
9 broke, and the outlet was found in the ravine to the west of Johnson St Extension. Camera
10 work was not possibly due to fittings and angles of the fragile clay pipe, which was originally
11 used as a combination stormwater & sewer pipe. A new 18" pipe will be installed with catch
12 basins and finished with a 28' curb-to-curb paved road. The bank on the west side of the
13 road will be cut back north of Main Street to near the sink hole and a swirl separator will be
14 installed before out-letting into the ravine.

15 c. **Ravine Restoration** – Doug stated that the ravine is not in bad shape but there is significant
16 erosion that needs to be stabilized with reshaping of the intermittent waterway with fabric
17 and stone; wetlands, stream alteration and Army Corps permits/approvals are in place.

18 d. **West Main St Ditches** – Cleaning out the ditches and adding fabric and stone to keep water
19 out of the travel lanes. A new guardrail will be placed on the southside of West Main Street
20 at the 30" cross culvert.

21 **Next Step:** Matching the current preliminary plan to the Categorical Exclusion document, then the
22 ROW work would begin; required for the Village snow area at the corner of West Main and Main
23 and the slope work on Johnson St Extension, and the ravine access road, but no easements are
24 required on the other sections. **Costs & Timing:** Roger asked about maintenance in the ravine
25 and Doug stated that not much is expected as the fabric and stone should stabilize the area and
26 allow regrowth of vegetation. The Village is planning on new water lines on Johnson St Extension
27 and Village construction could start later this summer with the Sink Hole project going out to bid this
28 winter for 2020 construction. The Board thanked Doug for his presentation and appreciated the
29 work done to have projects completed in an orderly sequence.

30 5. **Local Emergency Management Plan** – Annual adoption & contacts update. If approved, Ron will
31 file with the State to ensure we are complete with required grant documents. Motion to approve the
32 2019 LEMP. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

33 6. **Better Connections** – Susan reported that projects in town highways are being planned, including
34 on Father's Day weekend. Susan noted that the new café owners of Fork & Gavel have been an
35 excellent addition to the community and are very supportive of community events. The town library
36 is working with the Better Connections steering committee to do a history walk through the village
37 – using Main Street as a bypass – timed with a LVRT fundraising project. Susan stated that signage
38 & events will be occurring within the town highway right-of-way, through the Better Connections
39 project, to see what level of community interest in these types of events. The public events will add
40 to the current Hyde Park Community Circle events. Dave stated that too much art along the trail will
41 take away from its original intention as a rural trail through fields and along the river. Susan will
42 report back with any new event information.

43 7. **Conflict of Interest Policy**; to be adopted by July 1, 2019 – The Board will review and plan to act
44 at the June monthly meeting.

45 8. **Neighborhood Improvement Program** – Susan stated that this is a new idea that came about
46 after Green Up Day when a few parcels were not cleaned up because they were under foreclosure.
47 The draft policy would establish a process on how to engage volunteers to help neighbors or do
48 small cleanup projects on public or private parcels. Susan noted that in Rutland they made
49 incentives available for people to renovate homes and then the Town agreeing to not raise the
50 assessment for several years after the renovation. Cleaning the roundabout, adding flowers,
51 removing trash, etc. could be done with some town coordination and possibly funding support.
52 Susan noted that the VT DOC funding for the work crews run by Brian Shackett is at risk and Roger
53 Barry stated he would call Sen. Westman to encourage him to look at the program.

- 1 9. **FY2019 Audit Services** – Glenna Pound, CPA – Deferred to end of meeting.
- 2 10. **Courthouse Parcel Improvements** – Memorandum of Understanding – Ron reviewed the three
3 municipal & community projects on County land; the town clock, veterans’ memorial and proposed
4 pocket park, noting that the town and county will be responsible for maintenance, and reach out to
5 community groups if major expenses become necessary. Motion by Roger Audet to authorize
6 Susan to sign the agreement. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 7 11. **Purchase Orders:** PO #2019-09 for Milling of East Main Street at an estimated cost of \$13,000
8 which can be done soon because J Hutchins will be in Morrisville June 11th with the grindings stored
9 for future town use, pending ditch & culvert work then an overlay before winter. PO #2019-10
10 Gravel Pit Stripping was approved outside of the meeting for an amount not to exceed \$7,000 and
11 needs to be voted tonight. Motion by Roger Barry to approve both purchase orders. Seconded by
12 Roger A. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 13 12. **Annual Dog Warrant** - Accept and refer to Animal Control Officers - Deferred to June.
- 14 13. **Minutes;** 04/11/2019 and 04/15/2019 – Deferred to June.
- 15 14. **Town Orders** – The Board agreed that having weekend time to review invoices was helpful. Motion
16 by Roger to approve the town orders as presented. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0
17 against, motion passed.
- 18 15. **Other Business**
- 19 a. **Regional Planning Representatives** – Motion by Roland to appoint Greg Paus as the
20 Town’s Regional Planning Commission Director, Roger Barry as the Town’s TAC
21 Representative and Ron Rodjenski as the Town’s Alternate TAC Representative,
22 seconded by Roger A. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 23 b. **Public Site Visit** (19 VSA 301): Thursday, June 6th at 3:00 p.m. to meet first at the Town
24 Office then visit a series for town highways that are being considered for discontinuance,
25 reclassification or laying out.
- 26 c. **Executive Session:** Motion by Roger A. to move into executive session for Contracts
27 and Personnel. Seconded by Roger B. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 28 16. **Adjourn:** Motion by Dave to adjourn. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion
29 passed at 8:55 p.m.