

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
July 1st, 2015**

Present at Meeting:

Bert Potter, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Steven Nicholson, Selectmen; Linda McGuire, Treasurer; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Members of the Public:

Randy Stevens
David Fretz

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Selectman Potter

Approval of Agenda:

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to approve the agenda. Approved

Equine Ride for Cancer:

Randy Stevens presented to the Selectboard, after consultation with Constable Matt Danaher, a plan for a July 11th, 2015 horse ride fundraising to benefit cancer. The route would be from the Shrewsbury Mountain School to Eastham Road to Russellville Road to Center Shrewsbury and back to the Mountain School for a after ride BBQ. Signage and lead and follow vehicles for the anticipated three hour event had been discussed with the Constable. Mr. Stevens sought permission from the Selectboard. No member of the Selectboard raised any particular concern in respect to the usage of the roads. However, it was ascertained that none of the organizers of the event had contacted the School, School Board or RSSU in regard to using the Mountain School facilities. Mr. Stevens was given contact information for Adrienne Raymond, Chair of the Shrewsbury School District Board and Shrewsbury RSSU representative as an authorized individual to discuss the event.

Roy - Shunpike Culvert:

No new information from the Road Commissioner regarding the particulars of the second (upslope) culvert for the property. Tabled until additional information can be obtained from the Road Commissioner.

McGuiness: Permit to Work in ROW – Tabled until a review of the deed pertaining to the old VT Rte. 103 can be reviewed.

Paul Young: Bert moved to approve the request for Work in ROW, Aaron seconded. Approved

Line of Credit:

Linda requested that prior to seeking quotes from various vendors that the Selectboard articulate the amount and term for a Line of Credit. The following criteria was established: Six (6) month term for a line of credit for both \$250,000 and \$500,000.

The two amounts were requested because it was unclear at this point exactly what future expenses might be, particularly in the case of the UCRR slide, paving and/or what other outlays the Town would be obligated for prior to any tax revenue coming in. The justification for the cash flow constriction is the need for expenditure on the FEMA Alternate Project prior to requesting reimbursement. The Clement Shelter bridge Alt Project being approximately \$325k.

Tax Rate:

Linda indicated that she does not have the necessary password from the Listers to access the As Built Grand List in order to calculate the estimated Tax Rates.

Reserve Funds:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow (at the prevailing rate) from the Reserve Funds in order to transfer into the General Fund for general obligations. Approved

CVC Repeater Upgrade:

An estimate from CVC Paging was received in regards to upgrading the solar charging system for the Kinsman Hill Repeater. \$425 for the upgraded hardware, with the installation and labor costs donated by CVC Paging.

The Town recognizes and appreciates the donation on the part of Steve Suker.

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the upgrade to the solar charging system for the Kinsman Hill Repeater, with work scheduled to commence in October. Approved

Town Office Water Pump & Septic:

Estimates from Bill Loshen and Bernie Webster on the water pump / tank repair were received.

Bill Loshen Plumbing	\$1,555 for replacement of pump and tank
Bernie Webster Plumbing	\$650 for replacement of tank. Pump did not require replacement at this time.

Steven moved to approve Bernie Webster to replace the water tank, Bert seconded. Discussion: Aaron indicated that it is usually the case that once the tank is replaced that the pump fails soon after, and that the plumber would need to make another call. Approved

The septic tank has been scoped and marked accordingly. The septic tank appears to be of very old metal construction, and there is speculation that once it is uncovered that there may be expensive issues that will require attention, including possible new permitting. Jamie will attempt to uncover the tank so that a more precise evaluation of the condition of the tank can be made as well as subsequent remediation options if required.

In the meantime, Bert will contact the Shrewsbury Community Church and inform them that the Town Office will not be available for use (toilets) during the summer church season, or until the septic has expected maintenance.

Open to the Public:

David Fretz inquired if there had been any status updates in regard to the UCRR Slide from either VT DEMHS / FEMA or Otter Creek Engineering. Steven and Bert both reported that they had not received any new information. July 15th was determined to be the “reasonable date” by which FEMA may respond, as was stated at the last Selectboard meeting by Mary Andes.

Minutes:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the minutes of June 17, 2015. Discussion; two typographical errors: page 5 Deere for Deer and Caterpillar for Catapellier.

Orders

Aaron moved and Bert seconded to approve:

Road Commissioner Orders # 7 of July 1, 2015 for \$8,819.45 and Selectboard Orders # 7 of July 1, 2015 for \$6,786.35. No discussion. Approved

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.