

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
July 15th, 2015**

Present at Meeting:

Bert Potter, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Steven Nicholson, Selectmen; Linda McGuire, Treasurer; Jamie Carrara, Road Commissioner; Sharon Winnicki, Lister; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Mark Youngstrom, Otter Creek Engineering (OCE)
John Berryhill, Town Garage Architect

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Selectman Potter

Approval of Agenda:

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to approve the agenda. Approved

Alternate Project, Caterpillar 12M3A Grader Bid Opening:

Three bids were received for the specified equipment: 2015 12M3A AWD Motor Grader with 0.0 Hrs. with associated listed Standard and Optional equipment.

Cashman Cat	Sparks, Nevada	\$337,500
Milton Cat	Richmond, Vermont	\$329,000
Caterpillar Inc. Corporate /National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (NIPA)	Peoria, Illinois	\$353,291

Bert Moved and Aaron seconded to approve the purchase of a 12M3A Grader as specified, not to exceed \$327, 000.. Approved

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the purchase of the 12M3A Grader from Milton Cat of Richmond, VT not to exceed \$327,000 Approved

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to authorize Jamie Carrara, Road Commissioner to approve and sign the contract with Milton Cat. Approved

Chloride Tank:

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve the purchase of a 525 Gallon Liquid Chloride Spray System from HP Fairfield for \$5,498. Discussion: Funds from the \$4,000 unused chloride budget as well as \$1,498 from the ANR / FP&R CCC Road Maintenance revenue will be redirected for the purchase. Because of all the rain this season, Jamie indicated that there has been little need for dust abatement. Approved.

Roy - Shunpike Culvert:

Jamie indicated that this particular culvert is considered routine maintenance for Shunpike Road and that the cost is not directly attributed to nor a result of the upslope Roy curb cut.

McGuinness Work Within the ROW Permit:

Jamie indicated that because the location on old Rte. 103 is not a Town Highway, but rather Town property, that he has no particular concern with the location.

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the ROW Permit at 3049 VT Rte. 103 (actual location on old Rte. 103) for Francis McGinnis. Discussion, Note made on permit indicating that the old Rte. 103 is not a Town Highway and not maintained as such, it considered Town property available for “public travel”(per Book 18 Page 108 of the Shrewsbury Land Records). Approved

Lincoln Hill Reconstruction Project Status:

Some discussion regarding the Detour signage for the project, particularly coming off VT Rte. 103. It appears that the detour is not adequately warned so that large trucks are making the turn and then forced to turn around or back out onto VT Rte. 103. Jamie will speak with the Casella Project Manager in order to reevaluate where the signs are placed.

UCRR Slide (PW 2867) Status:

Mark Youngstrom from Otter Creek Engineering addressed the Selectboard in regards to the July 8, 2015 FEMA determination on the PW 2867 *Change of Scope and Time Extension Request*. Mark indicated at the outset that now that a determination has finally been made, there is something substantial to examine and make inquiries and comments to. Mark indicated that the determination that the MSE Wall is the Town’s preferred remedy is inaccurate and after subsequent concurring discussions with John DiGenova, P.E. of Haley & Aldrich, who did the preliminary analysis of the soil suitability, there is no real confidence that the solution that FEMA has approved is at all realistic.

OCE in conjunction with Haley & Aldrich would request that the Selectboard allow the engineering firms, considering the fact that in so far as no substantial work on the MSE Wall will occur this construction season, to contact FEMA via Mary Andes /VT DEMHS to request a reconsideration of their determination based on, but not limited to correcting the following inaccuracies and/or misperceptions:

Request that FEMA have an actual field representative physically inspect the site and evaluate the practicality of the determination.

Reexamine that fact that Easements were not “purchased” after the fact of the declared disaster, but rather the easements were obtained free of charge to the Town.

The fact that even the MSE Wall, because of the extent of the slope failure will require easements.

The MSE Wall solution does not address the underlying problem of the Cold River undermining the toe of the slope, so that any solution will over time be subject to failure. The MSE Wall solution will in all likelihood jeopardize the integrity of the upslope of Upper Cold River Road in the area thus exposing the Cold River Road to degradation. This would be unacceptable because of the importance of the Cold River Road as a necessary artery for Shrewsbury.

The data supplied by Haley & Aldrich was for estimates only and the extent of MSE Wall design would likely be far longer because of the unstable nature of the slope and thus more expensive than FEMA has calculated in their determination. That the Stone Butress engineering design has already been done, is less expensive and addresses the underlying issue of the river erosion.

Mark indicated that his plan would be to travel to Waterbury to personally meet with the VT DEMHS and any other FEMA representative, particularly from FEMA’s engineering section in

order to have a frank and clear discussion regarding this project, thereby being able to suggest realistic alternatives. Mark is of the opinion that at this point there is nothing really to lose in holding these discussions. It does not appear that any substantial field work will occur this year so therefore there is time to evaluate alternatives.

Steve moved and Bert seconded to authorize Otter Creek Engineering in conjunction with Haley & Aldrich to draft a letter to request that FEMA reconsider the July 8th Determination of the MSE Wall in favor of the Stone Buttress design. Approved

Line of Credit:

Linda contacted the current Town banking institution, Citizens Bank who requested a number of cumbersome requirements in order to apply for a line of credit, for terms that were not yet determined. Linda also contacted Mascoma Bank, and they offered the following: 1.5% Interest Rate for \$250,000 for a term of one year.

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve a Mascoma Line of Credit for one (1) year at a rate of 1.5% for an amount of \$250,000. Approved

2015 Tax Rate:

Linda presented calculations based on the State determined Homestead and Non-Residential Rates, Town Appropriations, Warned amount to be paid by taxes, voted budget, and the 2015 Grand List. The following rates were calculated:

	<u>Town Rate</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Local Agreement Rate</u>	<u>Total Tax</u>
HOMESTEAD	0.4428	1.3150	0.0011	1.7589
Difference from 2014 Rate	-12%	1%	0%	-3%
NON – RESIDENTIAL	0.4428	1.4827	0.0011	1.9266
Difference from 2014 Rate	-12%	3%	0%	-1%

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to set the 2015 Tax Rate as presented by the Town Treasurer. Approved

Town Garage Roof:

John Berryhill presented his findings regarding the Town Garage roof issues. Len Page was able to uncover the roof areas that appeared to be bulging and/or shifting. It appears that the plywood sheathing was adequately and properly fastened, but the material was shifting (possibly from heat expansion on the adhesive filler in the plywood). Len was able to repair the roof area and re-shingle so that it appeared as if there was no damage. John determined that there are about five (5) or six (6) areas that need attention. The plan is for Len to submit an invoice for the one area, so that a determination on cost might be extrapolated to determine a fair negotiated price for repair of the other remaining areas.

Excess Weight Permit:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the Excess Weight Permit for Rodrique Brothers Trucking. Discussion: Noted that all paperwork was in order. Approved.

Nursery School Update:

Aaron had received estimates from Greg Miller / Aaron Schneider for the scope of carpentry work. No estimates or bids were forthcoming from Steven Spatz or Al Ridlon Jr. Aaron also had electrical estimates from Hans Electric and Jim Weatherby. Steve Elias did not submit a bid. After discussion with the electricians and further examination of the ceiling, a scope change will be made to install a drop ceiling so that appropriate lighting fixtures can be re-installed.

The project is moving along and Aaron will continue to make status reports as needed.

Listers:

Sharron Winnicki, Chair of the Board of Listers reported that the 2015 Grand List has been rolled over or completed. However, she expects a number of Error and Omissions to be filled this year because of changes in the Use Value Appraisal (Current Use) program at the State level this year that affects individual options for discontinuing the program and some number of enrollees being expelled for deficiencies in submitting plan updates.

Transfer Station Regular Part Time Employees:

Bert reported that he was finding it difficult to recruit candidates for the two positions available for two (2) Regular Part Time employees (Transfer Station Attendants). Currently he has had no response to the advertisement in the Times of Shrewsbury for an hourly rate of \$12.00 per hr. Suggestions for the Selectboard included posting the number of hours required, which is 16 hrs. per week and that ads are placed in the surrounding Towns' local Newsletters similar to the Times of Shrewsbury before considering the Rutland Herald.

Open to the Public:

No members of the Public present

Minutes:

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve the minutes of July 1, 2015. No discussion.
Approved

New Business:

Bert will be contacting John Wood in regards to recent requests from VT AOT for preliminary audit information pertaining to Grants indirectly related to FEMA awards.

Orders

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve:
Road Commissioner Orders # 7A of July 15, 2015 for \$12,638.24 and Selectboard Orders # 7A of July 15, 2015 for \$3,246.13. No discussion. Approved

Meeting was duly adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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