

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
June 1st, 2016**

Present at Meeting:

Steven Nicholson, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Jamie Carrara, Road Commissioner;
Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Mark Youngstrom – Otter Creek Engineering

Members of the Public: David Fretz

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved and Steven seconded to approve the agenda. Modifications: Executive Session prior to adjournment in order to discuss personnel issues concerning the Road Crew. Approved

Recommendation for Notice of Award - Spring Lake Road Culvert Replacement:

Otter Creek Engineering, after analysis of the submitted bids of May 12, 2016, recommends that the Selectboard award the bid to *Weaver Excavating, Inc.* with a qualifying low bid amount of \$151,375. In addition, the project cost will include OCE Technical Services of \$16,375 for a total project cost of \$173,250.

VT DOT and local Shaftsbury project managers whom OCE has professional relationships with, give Weaver Excavating, Inc. very good recommendations.

Steven moved and Arron seconded to accept the bid of Weaver Excavating, Inc. of Shaftsbury for the replacement of the Spring Lake Rd. Culvert, in response to the previously awarded VT DOT Structures Grant. Discussion: VT DEC specified an eight (8) foot deep footing for the pre-fab box culvert retention sills. Approved

A Pre-Construction meeting will be scheduled for June 8th at 9 AM in the Town Office. Aaron indicated he will attend as the Town representative.

Status of the Upper Cold River Road opening schedule:

Mark Youngstrom announced that he anticipates that the guardrails will be installed on the 8th or 9th of June. At which time Casella can remove the barricades and the road should be reopened for traffic.

Animal Control / Dog Ordinance:

Steven presented a modified version of the VLCT Dog & Wolf Hybrid Ordinance Template. There were two specific areas that required consensus by the Selectboard; The amount of continuous time a barking dog had before it was considered a nuisance, and the inclusion of “responsible dog owner training” in the “Penalties and Costs” section of the draft ordinance.

The consensus tonight was to remove the “responsible dog owner training” provisions from the draft ordinance, but table any further action until the full Selectboard can make comment.

Open to the Public:

David Fretz inquired as to the Town’s participation in the July 5th Dedication Ceremonies for the Jim Jeffords State Forest and the Brown Bridge as a National Historic Landmark. Although the Town has not been made aware of the “official” program for the event, Barry Griffith was the Town Official who agreed to make remarks on behalf of the Town. The request was for a Town Official and Barry meets those qualifications as Town Agent, Town Grand Juror, and Justice of the Peace. In addition, he had served on the SVFD, as did Jim Jeffords, he is a member of the executive committee of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club as well as a member of the Crown Point Road Association and a member of the Shrewsbury Historical Society. It was felt that Barry would be an eminent individual to represent the Town for both the Jim Jeffords State Forrest as well as the Brown Bridge historical certification. It was also explained to David that the event is not being organized by the Town, although the Town has been asked to provide the Trust for Public Lands some logistical support in the way of traffic control and set up at the event site.

David inquired about “trailheads” particularly at the end of Moonshine Lane. At this point in time the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation has not communicated just how the anticipated “Management Plan” will be developed. Where trails and trail heads will be, where parking and other such amenities will be developed has not been communicated to the Town.

David asked about the Historical Markers for the Bridge and on-going maintenance of the bridge. There will be two “Historical” markers for the bridge. One will be a State Historical Marker, which are produced by Division of Historic Preservation a second marker is being produced by the National Park Service for the Historic Landmark designation. It is unclear at this time just where that particular marker is going.

David asked about winter maintenance for the Brown Bridge. Jamie indicated that he is anticipating plowing the that section of the UCRR that had previously been closed in the winter. However, that particular section of road may be considered on a lower priority scale as to when and the frequency of plowing during any given event.

Minutes:

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to approve the Minutes of 5/18/2016. Approved

Executive Session:

At 8:27 PM The Selectboard went into Executive Session in order to discuss a personnel issue concerning the Road Crew.

At 8:39 PM the Selectboard returned from Executive Session

Jamie indicated that he is considering Part Time help with the Road Crew in the intervening time of hiring a new Full Time member of the Road Crew and possibly as available workers for winter plowing.

Orders

Steven moved and Arron seconded to approve Road Commissioner Orders # 6 of June 1, 2016 for \$24,841.55 and Selectboard Orders #6 of June 1, 2016 for \$3,183.11. Approved

Meeting was duly adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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