

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
June 15th, 2016**

Present at Meeting:

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

Members of the Public: David Fretz

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Selectman Potter

Approval of Agenda:

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to approve the agenda. Modifications: Otter Creek Engineering – Certificate of Final Completion for PW 2867, Sheriff’s Report on Northam Rd. Dog Incident, 4400 Cold River Erosion Mitigation Site / Hazard Mitigation Grant Status, Health Officer Report, Schedule for first July Selectboard Meeting. Approved with modifications

Adoption of *Shrewsbury Dogs and Wolf-Hybrids Ordinance*:

Steven summarized that the only action item that remained for the adoption of the VLCT Model Ordinance, adapted for Shrewsbury, was a determination of how many minutes a dog had to be “continuously barking, whining, calling or howling” prior to it being declared a nuisance. Per discussion of the Selectboard the reasonable time would be 180 Minutes (3 hours).

Bert moved and Steven seconded to adopt the *Shrewsbury Dogs and Wolf-Hybrids Ordinance*.
Approved for adoption.

Steven will forward the Ordinance Summary with right to petition to the Times of Shrewsbury for publication. The Clerk will post the same at the Town Office and on the Web the requisite information, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59.

Status of the Jim Jeffords & Brown Bridge Dedication Ceremony Scheduled for July 5th:

The Clerk, who has been supporting the Trust For Public Lands in their request for logistical assistance for the event gave the following brief:

Six Tables and approximately 50 folding chairs will be transported from the Community Meeting House to the site and set up by 2 PM on the 5th.

The Road Crew a few SVFD volunteers and the Town Constables will be assisting in “Traffic Control” and parking. The Upper Cold River road will be closed to through traffic during the scheduled event. Jamie indicated he will place some road closure signs up so folks do not go all the way down the Upper Cold River Rd only to find that it is temporarily closed to through traffic.

Mark Youngstrom has agreed to substitute for Barry Griffith who had to regretfully reschedule.

The Clerk will attempt to bring the Times of Shrewsbury up to date on traffic issues.

Road Commissioner’s Report / Road Crew Personnel:

Jamie indicated that he will be purchasing an Eye Wash and First Aid Station from Amazon. The Eye Wash can be installed using the existing water supply (drinking fountain). Jamie will confirm that the water does not need to have both hot and cold (temperate) water supply.

Jamie informed the Selectboard that Stephen Bruce has terminated his employment with the Town and is utilizing residual unused vacation time during his transition out of state.

Jamie produced four applications / resumes he has received thus far for review by the Selectboard. He is recommending that one particular candidate be hired as a Temporary Full Time Employee in so far as the closing date for applications is July 6th, 2016, but he is short-handed and would like to start utilizing one of the qualified candidates in the hope of bringing them on as a regular full time employee after the closing of the application submittal period, but prior to the candidate taking another position. It is anticipated that this would be for a period of about one week +/- a day or two.

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to hire Bernard Philburt as a temporary full time employee, subject to the hiring and probation conditions of the Shrewsbury Employee Policy. Approved

Otter Creek Engineering – Certificate of Final Completion and Contractor’s Application for Payment No. Three:

OCE had submitted two documents for execution by the Selectboard. Upon review the *Certificate* could not be approved due to the fact that items on the “Punch List” still needed to be addressed. Consequently, The Selectboard deferred approval of the *Application for Payment* until the items on the “Punch List” were addressed.

David Fretz pointed out that items that were discussed with OCE, but never made the “Punch List” (boulders to stop ATVS from entering the river, erosion control for the entrance to the North Branch Road) also needed to be addressed.

Bert has contacted OCE to discuss the rationale for deferment and arrange for a closeout inspection with the Road Commissioner.

Excess Weight Permit:

Aaron moved and Steven seconded to approve the Excess Weight permit for Beacon Sales Acquisition Inc. Discussion: all supporting documentation included. Approved

Hazard Mitigation Grant:

Steven informed the Selectboard, as the Authorized Representative, that he signed and authorized the submission of the Application for Federal Assistance Grant, 25% Match Certification and the Certification Regarding Lobbying. These documents support the Application that Alan Shelvey has been working on in respect to assistance for the 4400 Cold River Road erosion hazard mitigation.

The Federal share for the project is estimated to be \$535, 875 and the Town share is estimated to be \$178,625.

The Selectboard Chair, Mark Youngstrom and Alan Shelvey will schedule a briefing with the adjacent landowner in order to discuss the purpose for the project. No definitive schedule for when VTrans will award the Grants.

Open to the Public:

No issues raised from the Public.

Sheriff's Report on Northam Dog Incident:

Bert informed the Selectbaord that a report was received in the mail, but he has not had the opportunity to read it in depth. He will be making a report at the next Selectbaord Meeting. Bert indicated that he is still awaiting a report from the Sheriff in respect to the dog incident on Adams Road.

Health Officer's Report:

Bert, as the de-facto Town Health Officer, received a complaint from a tenant regarding a rental property that the tenants complained had health violations concerning mold, septic functionality, rodent issues and water viability. Bert indicated that he is currently working with VLCT on the methodology for documentation and will engage the Selectbaord if a citation needs to be executed to the landlord.

Minutes:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the Minutes of 6/1/2016. Approved

Orders:

Bert moved and Arron seconded to approve Road Commissioner Orders # 6A of June 15, 2016 for \$19,460.90 and Selectboard Orders #6A of June 15, 2016 for \$16,412.11. Approved. Note: The Selectboard Orders included a \$11,357.18 payment for the County Tax

Monthly Drawing of Transfer Station Cards:

Ken Pitts' card was drawn

Reschedule for the First July Selectboard Meeting:

Due to the July 4th Holiday and Bridge dedication, as well as an unintended vacation schedule. The next Selectboard meeting will be on Thursday, July 7th at 7:00 PM.

Meeting was duly adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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