

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
August 16, 2017**

Present at Meeting:

Bert Potter, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Steven Nicholson, Selectman; Louise Duda, Chair Conservation Commission; Sharon Winnicki, Chair Board of Listers; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Members of the Public:

Liesbeth Van der Heijden

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Selectman Potter

Approval of Agenda:

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to approve the agenda. Modifications: Jamie Carrara, Road Commissioner will be unavailable for tonight's meeting. Approved

Road Commissioner – Water Drainage on Crown Point Road:

Issues involving ROW permits for current construction at Crisanver House effecting drainage on Crown Point road causing erosion. Tabled until both the Road Commissioner and the Town Agent could address the issue.

Liesbeth indicated she was in attendance to bring to the attention of the Selectboard drainage issues affecting her pond on Crown Point road. She is concerned because she stated that the pond is the source of her drinking water and is being effected by sure-pack run off from road erosion.

McGuiness, Status of Culvert Installation on Old Rte. 103:

Tabled until both the Road Commissioner and the Town Agent could address the issue.

Dog Ordinance Enforcement:

Bert reported that he had left a message with the Deputy at the Sheriff's Department who had indicated that the Department will assist in enforcement for a fee. Bert is now awaiting the fee schedule.

New Business:

Weezie Duda informed the Selectboard that the Conservation Commission's "Exploratory Committee" regarding land acquisition and /or conservation, had an initial meeting on Tuesday August 15. She indicated that those who participated consider themselves "loosely" affiliated to the Conservation Commission and are actually helping the Conservation Commission gather data for one of their statutory mandates of identifying land to be conserved. Weezie mentioned that if and when the "Exploratory Committee" had any recommendations they would bring them to the Selectboard. The Clerk indicated that in so far as the "Exploratory Committee" was not comprised of Selectboard appointed members, that it would be best for this ad-hoc committee to make their report and recommendations to the Conservation Commission, whose statutory authority is indeed to make conservation recommendations to the Selectboard and whose members had been appointed by the Selectboard. This methodology would elevate the requirements of the ad hoc committee as a Public Body adhering to the Open Meeting Law in so

far as the ad hoc Exploratory Committee would essentially be a group of volunteers of the Conservation Commission not specifically constituted as Public Body with no actual statutory mandate and not voting to advance or dismiss any particular official policy. The Conservation Commission would be obligated to include in their meeting Warnings and Minutes any periodic discussions or interim reports that the ad-hoc committee might present to the Conservation Commission. This suggestion seemed to be a reasonable way to proceed from the perspective of the Selectboard and the Conservation Commission.

Open to the Public:

No members of the Public were present at this time.

Minutes:

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve the Minutes of August 2, 2017. Approved

Listers: Errors and Omissions:

Sharon made a courtesy report involving some recent changes in the status Current Use and HS-122 Business allocations to the Grand List. Recent file updates received from the VT Department of Taxes made some minor changes in Homestead allocations for two property owners. Updated Current Use allocations were also received from the Department of Taxes, that even though the local municipality has no ability to act upon these allocations, Sharon wanted to inform the Selectboard of the minor change to the Grand List that occurs.

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve the Errors & Omissions Report as presented by the Listers. Approved.

The Listers requested that the Town Office Equipment Fund be used to purchase a new desk-top computer in so far as their current machine is six years old and developing information processing issues such as unstable internet and local network communications and unstable operating system issues. The Selectboard approved the request, estimating a new desktop machine to be about \$600.

Orders

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve:

Road Commissioner Orders # 8A of August 16, 2017 for \$25,247.57 and Selectboard Orders # 8A of August 16, 2017 for \$2,015.96. Approved (Note: \$16k of the Road Commissioner's Order was for winter sand.)

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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