

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
October 4, 2017**

Present at Meeting:

Bert Potter, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Steven Nicholson; Selectman, Sharon Winnicki, Chair - Board of Listers; Jamie Carrara, Road Commissioner; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Members of the Public:

Russell Reay, Rosemarie& Ernst Dobler, Francis McGuiness

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the agenda. Modifications: Presentation by the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce postponed till next Selectboard Meeting 10/18. Approved

Proposed Timber Harvest Access to Gaynor Rd:

Russell Reay requested from the Selectboard permission to make minor modifications to the lower end (VT Rte. 103 end) of Gaynor Road in order to create and utilize a log landing in anticipation of a timber cut by George Everett Logging on the Dobler parcel that adjoins that portion of Gaynor Rd. Mr. Reay has obtained the necessary permits from VT AOT for ingress and egress onto VT Rte. 103. Because Gaynor road is a Class 4 road, and not regularly maintained by the Road Commissioner, Mr. Reay wanted to be clear as to what the expectations are for the minor improvements of Gaynor Rd and the reclamation of improvements after the logging operation is complete. The improvements indicated are for a couple of loads of gravel to be utilized in order to even out the approach to a VELCO access road that cuts through the area. It was stated that a concern of the Road Commissioner was that the improvements would be minimal such that it would not encourage undesirable and unnecessary traffic on Gaynor Rd that would exacerbate rutting and erosion. Upon completion it will be necessary to construct a series of water bars for erosion abatement. Based on the composition of the soils it is anticipated that the logging operation will occur during the winter and the reclamation will not occur until the area dries in the late spring. Upon completion, Russell Reay will contact the Road Commissioner in order to do an inspection for adherence to the conditions specified for erosion control.

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve the minimum improvements as proposed and the reclamation to Gaynor Rd for the adjacent property owner's timber harvest. Approved

2017 Paving Grant:

Jamie reported that because in the extraordinary wet spring the paving contractor is far behind in their schedule. Consequently, Jamie anticipates that the paving plan for 2017 will most likely be postponed till next year because of the short window of opportunity to accomplish the project this fall, prior to inclement weather settling in. The Road Commissioner did want to remind the Selectboard to carry over the earmarked funds for the paving project into 2018.

Fran McGuiness:

Mr. McGuiness was inquiring of the Selectboard about a letter from the Selectboard to an adjacent property owner regarding the drainage of water onto his property. Bert supplied him with the

minutes of the September 6th Selectboard meeting in which the matter was addressed by the Town Agent.

Dog Ordinance Enforcement:

Bert reported that he had a discussion with the Rutland County Sheriff and that the Sheriff has agreed to assist the Selectboard with the enforcement of the Shrewsbury Dog Ordinance. The Sheriff will engage in a series of steps that include notifying delinquent and non-registered dog owners of their failure to comply with the Dog Ordinance and if the situation persists to act as the agent for the Town in collection of the proscribed fines that may occur.

Retention of Counsel for Appeal of BCA Findings to Superior Court of Schmults Lister Grievance Appeal:

As a follow up from the previous Selectboard meeting, the Listers and representatives of the BCA recommended that Gary Kupferer represent the Town in negotiating with the Appellant and their agent in an out of court settlement in regards to the appeal of the BCA findings.

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to authorize Webber Chapman and Kupferer to represent the Town in proceedings with the Vermont Superior Court in regards to the appeal of Edward and Diane Schmults' appeal of the BCA findings. Approved

Current Use Exemptions:

The Listers brought forth for the Selectboard acknowledgement updates to the Grand List regarding Current Use Exemptions and HS 122 Business exemptions changes. It was noted by the Listers that the Grand List values were not changing, but those individual exemption change has impact on the individual tax liability of those involved.

Open to the Public:

Betsy Jesser brought forth concerns in regard to parking and pedestrian traffic around Pierce's Store. She indicated there was safety issues that should be addressed. The Selectboard indicated that they will inquire with the Road Commissioner if "Pedestrian Crossing" signage can be installed in order to have traffic come to a stop for predestinarians crossing the road as well as indicating a need to reduce speed in the area were pedestrians frequent.

Minutes:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the Minutes of September 20, 2017. Approved

Orders

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve:
Road Commissioner Orders # 10 of October 4, 2017 for \$2,241.40 and Selectboard Orders # 10 of October 4, 2017 for \$3,836.17. Approved

Transfer Station Punch Card Drawing:

Mike Tarbell's name was drawn for a \$10 Punch Card

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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