

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting  
May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Present at Meeting:**

Bert Potter, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Steven Nicholson, Selectmen; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Sharon Winnicki, Chair – Board of Listers  
Adrienne Raymond, Lister  
Weezie Duda, Chair Conservation Commission  
Kathy Felder, Health Officer  
Randy Page, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Renee Bousquet, District Director, VT Dept. of Health  
Taylor Sargent, VT Public Health Nurse

Jonathan Gibson

**Call to Order:**

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

Aaron moved and Steven seconded to approve the agenda. Modifications: Additions to the posted agenda; Lister's Appeal Update, Road Commissioner Report to be summarized by Selectman Potter. Appointments and Excess Weight Permit under New Business. Likely tabling of the Conflict of Interest Policy. Approved with modifications.

**VT Department of Health Presentation:**

Renee Bousquet from Vermont Department of Health Rutland District wanted to introduce herself to the Selectboard as a resource for health issues and concerns impacting Shrewsbury. Ms. Bousquet as the Rutland District manager has begun a new initiative to bring the resources of the Health department to other areas of Rutland county and outside the Rutland centric perception that the Department is perceived to have had.

It was explained to the Selectboard those areas that the Department of Health is responsible for and has programs to address such as: immunizations, WIC, drug & alcohol abuse, family planning, public health and disease.

Ms. Bousquet wanted to solicit any health issues that the Selectboard were aware of that they thought might require assistance form the Health Department.

Both Selectman Nicholson and Selectman Potter mentioned that the Shrewsbury population is aging and they were concerned that some individuals might find themselves isolated within Town. The Selectboard indicated that it was incumbent that they be made aware of that population and to be cognizant of those citizens especially in times of emergencies that might require evacuation or in the case of extended loss of power periodic checks on well-being. The Department is aware of and working with the Aging in Place Initiative here in Shrewsbury. Kathy Felder indicated that she has been contacted in respect to assisting with the initiative. Sharon Winnicki indicated to the Department representatives that she and other members of the Community have been soliciting candidates for possible assessments for elderly accessibility in conjunction with the Aging in place imitative.

The Department did indicate that they extensively utilize the 211 programs as a referred agency when individuals call seeking assistance.

An issue that the Selectboard is aware of was the occasional dog bite that required assistance from the Department of Health rabies certification and monitoring during the quarantine stages of the incident.

The Department of Health offered any assistance that the Town may require to establish any policies as the new marijuana law takes effect July 1.

The Selectboard thanked the Department representatives for their presentation.

**Town Hill Road RR Crossing:**

The Road Commissioner received an e-mail from the Agency of Transportation indicating that it is VTrans intention to remediate the RR crossing on Town Hill Rd. The plan would be to take out the hazardous transition at the crossing for the Town Hill Maintenance Agreement. The signage that has been installed, indicating the clearance problems can be disposed of as the Road Commissioner sees fit when the remediation project is completed later this summer.

With that material change in the status of the crossing, the Selectboard indicated that they were inclined to sign the contract with the Agency of Transportation for the signage.

Steven moved and Bert seconded to approve the Finance and Maintenance Agreement for Town Hill Road Signs. Approved

**Road Commissioner's Report:**

Bert reported that Jamie has begun the final phase of armoring the Cold River adjacent to the Girouard property.

The initial phases of the High Risk Rural Road improvements and modifications have begun with the installation of signage and road edge reflectors. It is anticipated that guardrails will be installed later in the project.

**Lister Update of BCA Appeal:**

Sharon Winnicki and Adrienne Raymond presented the negotiated settlement agreement for the Selectboard review.

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to move into Executive Session in order to discuss the specifics and conditions of the negotiated settlement prior to authorization to approve.

Approved

Moved into executive session at 7:31 PM

Exit executive session 7:46 PM

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the Stipulation to Judgement for the Schmults vs. Town of Shrewsbury appeal and to authorize Gary Kupferer to sign the Stipulation as the agent for the Town in the matter of the appeal. Once the settlement is fully executed, a copy will be returned to the Town for recording. Approved

**Appointments:**

Aaron moved and Bert seconded to appoint Louise Duda and Pam Darrow to the Conservation Commission. Approved

**Excess Weight Permit:**

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve Jeffrey Bridge Excavating Excess Weight permit.

Discussion: All requisite paperwork is in order. Approved

**Open to the Public**

Weezie Duda and Jonathan Gibson brought forth concerns in respect to the anticipated Green Mountain Power utility pole relocation. The concern is that GMP negotiates individually with each property owner along the relocation route and that overall the cumulative effect of these separate easements may have a detrimental effect in respect to the overall character of the Town. It was their (Mr. Gibson and Ms. Duda) request the Selectboard contact GMP in order to

request a presentation at a community meeting where an overall plan that GMP is attempting to accomplish can be presented to the Town.

The Selectboard indicated that they can support that effort to understand the overall objective by GMP so that the Town can better understand what it is that the utility is attempting to accomplish. Weezie volunteered to draft a letter for the Selectboard's signature. No specific dates have been set yet, but it is anticipated that the community meeting details would be announced in the Times of Shrewsbury.

**Conflict of Interest Policy:**

This item was tabled to a near future Selectboard meeting in that the deadline for enactment is some thirteen (13) months off.

**Minutes:**

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the minutes of 5/2/2018. Approved

**Orders**

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve:

Road Commissioner Orders # 5A of May 16, 2018 for \$4,587.43 and Selectboard Order # 5A of May 16, 2018 for \$2,983.91. Approved

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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