

SELECTBOARD MEETING
August 27, 2009

Present:	John Quinn Bob Bancroft Dave Tilton	Gary Estus Nanette Rogers Charlotte Vincent
Guests:	Melissa Manka Glenn Rogers	Joan Farmer Alan Rogers

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

TRAILS/CLASS 4 ROAD ORDINANCE

The Selectboard reviewed the draft ordinance, which included changes from the Town Attorney. The Town Attorney has advised that restricting motor vehicle use on Class IV roads should be governed by amending the Traffic Ordinance not under the Trails Ordinance therefore reference to Class IV roads was removed from the Trails Ordinance draft.

Dave Tilton made a motion to adopt the Use of Trails Ordinance No. 1 as amended, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

The Town will order signs for Covey and Seymour Trails. Boulders will be placed after Dick Bouffard's driveway and at the trail head on the Covey Road side.

ZONING REGULATION AMENDMENTS

The Planning Commission found an unintended loophole in the Zoning Regulations regarding Planned Unit Developments (PUD). The Planning Commission wants to correct this however it must be done before the Town Plan expires in late October. The Planning Commission has warned a public hearing for September 11.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Dave Tilton made a motion to approve an application to join the National Flood Insurance Program, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION (PDM) GRANT

The Regional Planning Commission is strongly advocating for the Town to apply for a PDM grant for the Huntley Road culvert because they are concerned that State funds won't be available. The RPC can help with the cost benefit analysis. It is estimated to take 40-100 hours to complete the grant application. Melissa does not have the time to write the grant application. The Board would like her to check with the RPC, Staci Pomeroy and Suzanne Blanchard to find out if there is any assistance available to help write the grant.

PRIVATE CULVERTS ON HUNTLEY ROAD & STOCKPILING

The Town has been advised by the State that the culverts from Drinkwine Lane and the Bisson driveway are undersized and the fill around them unstable. The State is concerned if the culverts were to fail there will be substantial damage to Huntley Road and the culvert under the road as well as the Browns River. Melissa will research if there is grant money available for the property owners to upgrade their culverts to current standards. Gary stated that these situations are perfect examples of why the town should oversee culverts outside of the town's right-of-way.

The State also advised that the gravel and soil stockpiles on Huntley Road are impacting a nearby stream. At the very least the piles should have a silt fence to control erosion problems. John will contact the property owner to let them know they State may be contacting them regarding this issue.

ANCIENT ROADS COMMITTEE

The Ancient Roads Committee (ARC) conducted site visits and found four potential ancient roads, one of which would connect Huntley Road to Plains Road. The Committee has been unsuccessful in obtaining permission from the Plains Road property owner to access the property to further research this lead. The law authorizes the Selectboard to grant permission to mail notices to property owners providing 14 days notice of site visits. The Committee would like permission from the Board to mail the notices.

Dave Tilton moved to authorize the Ancient Roads Committee to mail notices to property owners providing 14 days notice of a site visit, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

TOWN PLAN DRAFT

The Board reviewed the Town Plan draft with Melissa. The Board feels the language is restrictive and with some minor changes in the language it would make the plan more flexible. John will attend the Planning Commission meeting to present the Board's thoughts and proposed language changes.

CLIMATE CHANGE GRANT BIDS

The Town received a proposal from RISE Engineering as part of Efficiency Vermont's Lighting Plus Program. The proposal upgrades lighting fixtures for a net cost to the Town of \$327.25. It is estimated that the Town will save \$256.95 the first year.

Dave Tilton made a motion to accept the proposal submitted by RISE Engineering, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

VIOLATION NOTICE

The Board approved the changes suggested by the Town's attorney. The Zoning Administrator will be notified that he can begin using the new violation notice.

ROAD SCHEDULE

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the Road Schedule for August 28, 2009 through September 10, 2009, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

Jim Ryan and Staci Pomeroy noticed a few areas that would benefit from a Better Backroads grant. A list of potential projects will be requested from Jim or Staci. Applications are due soon.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Bills were approved, correspondence was read.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Dave Tilton made a motion to appoint Earl Mongeon to the Conservation Commission, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

MINUTES

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2009 as amended, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed 3-0.

UTILITY LINE REQUEST

The Board approved three requests submitted by Eustis Cable to install a utility line along Westford Milton Road and several areas on Old Stage Road. Work to be completed between August 31, 2009 and September 30, 2009.

EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT

The chair signed an excess weight permit for Blair's Trucking.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bob Bancroft made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:34 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0. People in attendance were John Quinn, Bob Bancroft, Dave Tilton and Nanette Rogers.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:53 p.m.

Dave Tilton made a motion for John Quinn to consult with the Town Attorney regarding the status of the Budell suit, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

NO SMOKING POLICY

The Board reviewed a no smoking policy model obtained from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

Dave Tilton made a motion to adopt the no smoking policy, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

ADJOURN

Dave Tilton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Quinn, Chair
Selectboard

Nanette Rogers
Town Clerk