

Waterbury Select Board Meeting
May 16, 2011

Present: Rebecca Ellis, Chair; Bob Butler, Pam Clapp, Karen Miller and John Grenier, Select Board; William Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; Gordon Miller, Recreation Committee; Alec Tuscany, Public Works Director; Steve Lotspeich, Community Planner (at Loomis Hill Parking lot only); Chris Preston, Waterbury Record; Anne Imhoff, ORCA Media, and Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

LOOMIS HILL PARKING LOT

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. at the Loomis Hill parking lot, where the Board proceeded with a site walk to explore the possibility of expansion of the lot. The Board surveyed the area for the proposed parking lot and by consensus decided to submit an application to the Development Review Board (DRB) to convert the grass overflow parking lot to gravel.

The Board then visited the Maple Street Fire Station and looked at the 28 watt light installed at the back door. B. Butler made a motion to authorize the Manager to submit an application to the DRB to amend the site plan to allow a 28 watt light on photocell to be installed. The motion was seconded by J. Grenier and passed by a vote of 4 - 1.

S. Lotspeich presented a proposal to have an interpretive kiosk erected at Hope Davey Park as part of the Green Mountain Byway program. J. Grenier made a motion to authorize S. Lotspeich to submit a grant application for the kiosk. The motion was seconded by K. Miller passed unanimously.

The meeting was reconvened at the Municipal Office at 7:55p.m.

EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS UPDATE

The Manager gave the Board an update on the emergency road repairs. There have been problems from run-off and heavy rain in early April to some sections of Little River Road. The Public Works Director has met with members of FEMA and VTrans and it is uncertain at this time what eligible funds might be available. Woodard Hill Road had much more significant damage, with 7 culverts that will need replacement. The damage to both roads has been estimated to be between \$80,000 to \$100,000. The Highway department does not have the workers or the time to do the repairs themselves; therefore these projects will have to be contracted out. It is the hope that the Town will get some assistance for at least one of these roads.

RECREATION CIP

The Board placed \$20,000 in the recreation CIP fund. The repairs to the roof at the Scout Hall cost approximately \$7,000. The estimate to pave and stripe the basketball court is \$7,664. The cost to replace three basketball posts (two at Anderson and one at Hope Davey), backboards and hoops is estimated at \$5,577. G. Miller explained the equipment requested. The Manager recommended only replacing the two hoops at Anderson and replacing the third through fund raising. The total cost of roof repairs, court paving and two hoops would be \$18,399. The estimate to pave in front of the recreation building is \$2,700 if done at the same time as the court, leaving a grand total of \$21,099. The Manager indicated that \$600 would be saved in mobilization charges if the paving at the Recreation building is done at the same time as the basketball court. It would be the hope to do these projects before summer recreation starts. The Board was in consensus to proceed as staff recommended.

HIGHWAY PAVEMENT PLAN 2011

The Manager discussed the revised paving plan, which includes the Crossroad, Ripley Road and Prospect Street. These three projects combined equal \$184,827. There are also three separate but related projects for Demeritt Place. These projects total \$20,334. The Manager asked the Public Works Director to also look at Stowe Street while the Town awaits a paving grant. There is not enough money in the budget to do Stowe Street in its entirety, but it is recommended to repair 1,500 feet at a cost of \$28,072.

Everything on the list as proposed cost \$233,233, and without chloride the cost is \$215,861. The budget includes \$201,000 for Class 3 paving. It was suggested that the cost of some of the materials be moved into the Infrastructure budget. The Board supported the revised 2011 pavement plan.

The Manager reported that a highway employee was in an accident on Guptil Road with one of the highway vehicles. The damage estimate has not yet been received; however the damage is fairly extensive. The other driver was cited for causing the accident, so the Manager will work with VLCT to go after damages and the deductible. K. Miller commented that there is a lot of speeding at the location the accident happened.

A. Imhoff asked about paving from Demeritt Place to the bridge. It was indicated that potholes are being patched, but that Stowe Street is in much worse condition.

At the request of the Village Trustees, the discussion of the police survey was postponed to when the Boards can meet jointly. The committee is working on finalizing the draft survey. It was decided to try to hold a joint meeting on Monday June 6th, which is a regular Select Board meeting. R. Ellis will contact the Village President to confirm.

TOWN CLERK ITEMS

P. Clapp made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, April 25, May 2, and May 9 meetings. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and passed unanimously.

B. Butler made a motion to reappoint Herschell Murry to the Recreation Committee for a three year term ending April 30, 2014. The motion was seconded by J. Grenier and passed unanimously.

B. Butler made a motion to reappoint Ed Steele to the Mad River Resource Management Alliance for a one year term ending April 30, 2012. The motion was seconded by P. Clapp and passed unanimously. (Note: it was determined after the meeting that this was also done at the May 2, 2011 meeting.)

The Chair drafted a letter to Steve Gladczuk of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission in support of having the CVRPC fund and manage a study of possible improvements to the intersection of US Route 2 and Route 100 in Moretown. B. Butler made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the letter dated May 16, 2011 CVRPC. The motion was seconded by P. Clapp and passed unanimously.

The Historical Society has requested use of the Hope Davey Pavilion on July 27th at 5:00pm for a pot luck dinner, with waiver of fee. K. Miller made a motion to approve the use of the pavilion from 5:00 to 9:00p.m. with waiver of fee. The motion was seconded by J. Grenier and passed unanimously.

A request has been made to use the Hope Davey pavilion on July 3rd from 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. for a Harwood class reunion, with use of alcohol. It is anticipated that between 50 and 100 people will attend. The Board reviewed the policy for insurance, and it was estimated that insurance would cost \$180. K. Miller made a motion to allow the use of the pavilion as requested, contingent on that if there are more than 50 attendees, they will need to get liquor liability insurance which can be purchased on their own or through TULIP. The motion was seconded by P. Clapp and passed unanimously.

The Board had a brief discussion on the private use of public fields, how the parks are being used, if fees are charged. The events are currently looked at on a case by case basis.

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A. Imhoff mentioned that there is a Historical Society annual ghost walk on May 30th. A program with civil war songs will be presented at the Waterbury Congregational Church followed by a walking tour through the cemetery.

At 9:15p.m., the Board made a site visit to the Main Street fire station to look at the lights in the bell tower and by the back door. By consensus, the Select Board authorized the Manager to apply for a revised site plan to allow lighting in the bell tower. They will allow the installation of the 28 watt bulb on a photocell preferably with a shield, and review at a future meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence
Town Clerk

Approved on: June 6, 2011