

**Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board  
October 19, 2015  
Main Street Fire Station**

Present: D. Schneider, C. Viens, and J. Brown, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; B. Farr, Long Term Recovery Director; S. Blow, Waterbury Record; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Sheena Chadwick, Whitney Aldrich, Wade Hodge, Marcy Blauvelt, Jon Williams, Denise Bonyun, Bruce Bonyun, and Harry Bonyun.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

C. Viens made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by J. Brown and passed by those present.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

J. Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda items including the minutes of the September 28<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup> meetings. The motion was seconded by C. Viens and passed by those present.

**PUBLIC**

No public comment.

**QUIT CLAIM DEED – LEASED LAND**

S. Chadwick explained that anytime a deed in a chain of title mentions leased land, the title insurance company is requiring a quitclaim deed from the Town. There is mention of leased land in an older deed for a property on US Route 2 that is for sale. W. Shepeluk explained further history behind the leasing of land to Towns.

C. Viens made motion to authorize the Town Agent to sign a quitclaim deed releasing all interest in the Cider House property owned by Dotivan Enterprises LLC, and publish a notice stating the intent to do so. The motion was seconded by J. Brown and passed by those present.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING ITEMS**

B. Farr presented a contract for the electric vehicle charging station to be located at the new municipal center. The Town has received a grant in the amount of \$4,475 that will pay for the installation of the station. Green Mountain Power will charge the Town \$39 per month for maintenance. A free station will be installed initially, and then a new model will be installed in February 2016 whereby customers will be charged. There will be no maintenance charge to the Town until the new model is installed. W. Shepeluk explained how the charging station works and the arrangement with GMP. J. Brown made a motion to authorize the Manager to sign the electric vehicle charging station contract for the station to be installed at the municipal center. C. Viens seconded the motion. C. Viens asked if the Town should be on the hook for \$39 per month in perpetuity. W. Shepeluk stated that the initial term of the agreement is for 3 years, with a one year extensions thereafter. After further discussion, the motion passed by those present.

B. Farr explained that Vermont Corrections is building a portion of the stand-alone furniture for the municipal center, including three offices in the Jane's Building. The furniture for these three offices will cost \$3,430, with the price of one piece outstanding. The total contract price will be less than \$4,000 and is contained within the budget. J. Brown made a

motion to authorize the Manager to sign the contract with Vermont Corrections. The motion was seconded by C. Viens and passed by those present.

#### **HAZARD MITIGATION SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT AND MOU FOR HODGE/ALDRICH HOME**

The Town previously received a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for the elevation of homes. The Town has been working with Wade Hodge and Whitney Aldrich to elevate their home. The sub-grant amount is \$70,046 with an administrative grant in the amount of \$1,401. Once the grant agreements are signed the work on the project can begin. J. Kilgore helped draft a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and property owners. W. Shepeluk explained some the details of the MOU. W. Hodge asked when the Federal Government would commit the funds. B. Farr stated that the funds are in state and should be released when the grant agreements are signed. The Town will have to pay the federal share and then be reimbursed. C. Viens made a motion authorizing the Manager to sign the two grant applications and the Memorandum of Understanding for the agreement to elevate the house owned by Wade Hodge and Whitney Aldrich. The motion was seconded by J. Brown and passed by those present.

#### **UPDATE ON NORTH HILL COMMUNICATIONS TOWER**

W. Shepeluk stated that the Town has already sought party status and has requested aesthetic and propagation studies. W. Shepeluk indicated that the Town should consider hiring an attorney to keep up with the project and that he has already spoken with Joe McLean of Stitzel, Page, & Fletcher. The Town of Stowe Select Board directed their Manager to apply for party status and has contacted J. McLean. The Department of Public Service is looking for an aesthetics consultant and working on an arrangement with a propagation consultant. S. Lotspeich prepared a memo outlining what the Waterbury Town plan and by-laws state about cell towers. The by-laws prohibit construction of towers in the conservation district. Neither Waterbury nor Stowe has taken a position on the project. J. McLean has prepared a joint motion for a technical hearing and the right to review the studies that are done, and will submit information about the wildlife corridor and scenic by-way and comment on the design of the facility if the Town approves his representation.

A lengthy discussion followed with public comment.

C. Viens made a motion to acknowledge that Joe McLean is representing Stowe and to allow him to make an appearance on behalf of the Town of Waterbury without conflict, and to make an appearance to file a joint motion for a technical hearing before the Public Service Board. The motion was seconded by J. Brown. After a brief discussion, the motion passed by those present.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: November 2, 2015