

Selectboard Meeting of January 14, 2014
Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street

Selectboard: Trini Brassard, Dennis Brown, Larry Richburg, Marjorie Ryerson, and Tom Schersten

Municipal Staff: Melvin Adams (Town Manager), Cindy Spaulding (Recorder), William Morgan (Highway Operations Manager), Robert Runnals (Highway Supervisor), and Michael DeCubellis (Finance Director)

Public Attendees: Clayton Butterfield, Greg, Nazarow, Gidget Lyman, Julie Iffland, Irene Schafer, Betty Edison, Susan Reid, Wendy Ross, Susan Reid, Alan Lane, Holly Sanders, Patrick French, Harvie Porter, Perry Armstrong, Alan Lane, and Marty Strange

Media: Merrill Whitcomb (ORCA) and M.D. Drysdale (*The Herald of Randolph*)

1. Call to order

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and introductions were made

2. Public Comment

Mr. Lane expressed his concerns for public safety as a result of having street lights turned off with reduced lighting throughout town, especially in areas of businesses and intersections.

3. Consent Calendar (Agenda)

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mrs. Brassard, the Board voted to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote 5-0-0.

- a. Minutes of December 17, 2013
- b. ~~Downtown Streetscape Grant Agreement~~ (not available at board meeting – not approved)
- c. Certify Adoption of Bridge & Road Standards
- d. Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) Software Agreement
- e. Warrants
- f. Certificate of Highway Mileage

4. New Business

a. Update on Future of the Stagecoach

Greg Nazarow, Randolph's representative to the Stagecoach and Vice President of the Stagecoach Board of Directors, provided an update on the future of the Stagecoach Transportation system. He highlighted the following:

- Stagecoach transportation services have been operating without interruption
- A representative from the Board of Directors is in the building to oversee daily operations
- Stagecoach's financial position is weak and there was an operating loss for FY '13
- The Board is creating an aggressive plan for financial stability
- The system must demonstrate accountability to the Federal and State Agencies for administration of Grant programs
- Negotiations for a Memorandum of Understanding between Addison County Transit Resources and the Stagecoach are underway for an interim management agreement
- There is no intention of merging the two organizations
- There are potential future opportunities for joint efforts (synergies)
- Stressed importance of "Local Match" money that is voted by each Town each year

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Follow on discussion focused on:

- Continuing operations in Randolph
- The status of the lease with the railroad for office space
- Request to view Stagecoach audit reports
- Sustaining the quality of service to be maintained
- Request for public knowledge on any negotiations on amendments between the State of Vermont, ACTR and Stagecoach

b. Tap the Valley

Ms. Julie Iffland of Randolph Area Community Development Corporation discussed “Tap the Valley”; a web-based community resource which is a co-creation of RACDC and Building A Local Economy (BALE). The purpose for the new website is a one-stop place for community resources and towns of the White River. The website would have up-to-date calendar of events and interactive maps; business listings; arts, culture, history, and demographics, articles that feature community life of the region, Farm Fresh options, and local agriculture, and a town by town listing all in one place.

c. Theme and Dedication for Town Report

The Board discussed the concept of this year’s theme and dedication of the 2013 Town Report. This will be decided upon at a future Special Selectboard meeting.

d. Future of Randolph Recreation Programs

Mr. Schersten reported that the Randolph Community Area Recreational Committee has discussed the future of the Randolph recreation programs and recommends programs to revert back to the town from the Boys and Girls Club, and that a full-time recreation director be hired.

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mrs. Brassard, the Board voted to approve the creation of a Recreation Director’s position within the Recreation Department Budget and to be under the direction of the Town Manager. Vote 5-0-0.

5. Old Business

It was discussed to have the lights on Wallace Hill and Arlington Drive added to the list of streetlights to be turned back on.

The manager reported that the sidewalks and Transfer Station have been very icy. Mr. Adams explained that the salt compound does not work very well when the temperature is below a certain temperature as it has been extremely cold the past week.

6. Committee reports

No committee reports were given

7. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

8. Continued Review of FY2015 Proposed Budget and Capital Plan

The Board, Mr. Adams, Mr. DeCubellis and members of the Budget Committee and Capital Planning Committee reviewed the proposed FY2015 budget and capital plan.

Reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan by program category. The Board recognized the efforts of the members of the Budget Committee and Capital Budget Committee and complimented them on the work they did. Mel agreed to reach out to Dick Drysdale to see if a story could be done on the current year efforts and the plans for the next five years to help residents understand what is being done.

The Capital Plan notes shortcomings of the Police Station and Village Fire Department buildings, which should be addressed within the next five-years.

An update on the union contract negotiations was provided.

9. Adjournment

At 8:30 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Brassard, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to adjourn until its next scheduled meeting of February 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Spaulding
Recorder

Dennis Brown
Selectboard chair

Reference Only