

Selectboard Meeting of December 15, 2015  
Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street

Selectboard: Trini Brassard, Ross Evans, Larry Richburg, Marjorie Ryerson and Tom Schersten

Municipal Staff: Melvin Adams (Town Manager) and Cindy Spaulding (Recorder)

Public Attendees: Bill Morgan, Robert Runnals, John Race, Matt Murawski, Brendan Barden,  
Jessamyn West, Greg Russ, Damon Lease, Brian Burkholder, and Pete Thoenen

Media: John Jose (ORCA)

1. Call to order

Mr. Richburg called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Approve Agenda

**On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Ms. Ryerson, the Board approved the agenda as amended adding under New Business: Schedule joint meeting with the Planning Commission. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Consent Agenda

**On motion by Ms. Ryerson, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board approved the minutes of November 17, 2015 as amended and the warrants. Vote 5-0-0.**

**On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board approved the minutes of December 3, 2015 special meeting as amended. Vote 4-0-1 (Brassard abstained).**

5. New Business

a. Schedule joint meeting with the Planning Commission

The Planning Commission has requested a meeting with the Selectboard to provide an overview of the Land Use Regulations prior to the February 9, 2016 Public Hearing to discuss the new regulations. The Planning Commission will be hosting the meeting.

**On motion by Mrs. Brassard, seconded by Ms. Ryerson, the Board scheduled a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on Thursday, January 21, 2016 in the Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street, with the time to be determined. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Presentation: Dam in the Third Branch of the White River

Mr. Murawski and Mr. Russ presented to the board information about the proposed dam removal project in the Third Branch of the White River below the Main Street Bridge.

Highlights of presentation and discussion:

- Dam serves no purpose

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- Removal would allow trout to migrate freely upstream to spawn
- Avoid thermal stress in the summer
- Improve recreational fishing opportunities
- Improve flood resilience upstream
- Proposed gravel removal to be given to the Town

The same presentation was given to the Conservation Commission and the commission supports the removal of the Main Street Dam.

**On motion by Mrs. Brassard, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to support the efforts of American Rivers and White River Partnership to remove the Main Street Dam/Sargent Osgood Roudy Dam in the Third Branch of the White River and to work with the town regarding the gravel from the project. Vote 5-0-0.**

c. Proposed Randolph Community Solar Projects at the Landfill

Mr. Thoenen of the Energy Committee and Randolph Community Solar presented a proposal to place a 180 kW solar farm on Landfill Road adjacent to the current Encore array. Discussion ensued concerning:

- Proposed location(s)
- Maintenance of arrays
- Need an off-taker (Leachate Pumps or Transfer Station)
- Permanent allocation of 10% of generated credits to the Town

**On motion by Mrs. Brassard, seconded by Ms. Ryerson, the Board voted to approve the concept of Randolph Community Solar to place a 180 kW solar farm at a location to be determined on the town's landfill property on Landfill Road. Vote 5-0-0.**

Mr. Richburg announced the work done by Mr. Thoenen and the Energy Committee was recognized by the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network for an award, and he thanked Mr. Thoenen for his hard work.

d. Lister's Office

Mr. Adams provided an update on the Board of Listers and the shift with interim task assignments. Due to Ed Luce as the only Lister, it is recommended to compensate Mr. Luce for his time and tasks assigned.

**On motion by Mrs. Brassard, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board approved providing Ed Luce as a Lister with three weeks' paid vacation and paid holidays. Vote 5-0-0.**

e. Police Policies

The board reviewed the proposed police policies with discussion regarding the No Trespass policy.

**On motion by Mrs. Brassard, seconded by Ms. Ryerson, the Board voted to adopt the following Police Department Policies: Bloodborne Pathogens/Communicable Diseases;**

**Critical Incident Investigation & Review; Duty to Disclose, and Vehicle Pursuit & Emergency Vehicle Operation. Vote 5-0-0.**

The No Trespass policy was tabled for a future meeting.

f. Proposed Public Comment Policy for Economic Development Council

Mr. Adams provided an overview of EDC's Public Comment Policy, which essentially mirrors the Selectboard's. It was the consensus of the Board that it supports the EDC's policy.

g. AOT Highway Structures Grant – BC1723

Mr. Adams informed the Board that the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation has awarded the Town a Structures Grant for an engineering study on Beanville Road culvert 5. The grant award is a 90/10 and the estimated engineering study is \$27,000.

**On motion by Mrs. Brassard, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to accept the terms and conditions of grant agreement:BC1723, between the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation and Town of Randolph in the amount of \$24,300 for Beanville Road engineering study on culvert 5. Vote 5-0-0.**

h. Increase Dog License Fees

The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's proposal to increase the licensing fees for dogs. The increase in surcharge could be used to offset some of the expenses for the animal control officers following up on unlicensed dogs. The consensus of the Board is that the proposal doubles the fee to license a canine/wolf-hybrid. Action tabled until further information is provided.

6. Old Business

No other Business to discuss

7. Committee Reports

Mrs. Brassard reported highlights of the Fire Advisory meeting of December 8: proposal to install sprinkler/alarm systems in the Center & East Fire Stations and Center & Village Highway Garages and ISO requirements.

Mr. Schersten reported the Recreation Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday and Water/Wastewater Advisory Committee will meet on Friday.

Mr. Richburg reported highlights of the Police Advisory meeting: proposed No Trespass policy and potential meeting between the police chief and Gifford Medical Center concerning mental health calls at GMC.

Mr. Richburg reported the Energy Advisory Committee was named and awarded "2015 Best Energy Committee" from the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network—for extra ordinary vision in propelling the community toward efficient and clean energy solutions and its ongoing efforts to advance energy efficiency investments.

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8. Other Business

- Turn Signal at 4-way intersection

Ms. Ryerson asked about the status of the use turn signal sign at the 4-way intersection of Central Street (Routes 12 & 66), Forest Street (Route 12) and Elm Street. Mr. Adams will order the sign.

- Randolph Avenue Traffic Study

Ms. Ryerson reported that an official Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission traffic study found that 888 vehicles travel daily on Randolph Avenue, from Monday through Friday, with an average speed in excess of 25 mph and with some vehicles traveling over 50 mph. Discussion ensued concerning the traffic study, the layout of the Randolph Avenue and Hull Street blind intersection, and various options to correct the layout of the streets.

9. Executive Session under 1 VSA § 313 (a)(2)

No executive session was held since the results from the borings conducted at the potential firehouse sites will not be available until after the Christmas holidays.

10. Adjournment

**At 7:15 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Brassard, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to adjourn until its next scheduled meeting of December 17, 2015 (Special) at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street. Vote 5-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Spaulding  
Recorder

Larry Richburg  
Selectboard Chair