

Selectboard Meeting of May 12, 2016
Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street

Selectboard: Trini Brassard, Ross Evans, Michael Hildenbrand, and Jerald Ward, M.D.

Absent: Marjorie Ryerson

Municipal Staff: Melvin Adams (Town Manager)

Public Attendees: John Mazucco, Julie Tabor, David Tabor, Jr., Maria Puglisi, Patrick French, Wink Willett, Patsy French, Shane Keaif (unable to determine), Sam Lincoln, Skip Tabor, Gail Osha, Jessica (No last name given), Mark (no last name given), Jody Barna, Martha Hafner, and Hiram I Salls, Jr.

Representatives of Ranger Solar: Danielle Chanlaza, Aaron Svedlow and Johnathan Wilson.

Media: Hanna Warren (ORCA)

1. Call to order

Mrs. Brassard called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Public Comment

No public comment given.

3. Approve Agenda

On motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Ward, the Board approved the agenda as presented. Vote 3-0-0.

4. Consent Calendar (Agenda)

On motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Ward, the Board approved the consent agenda as amended. Vote 3-0-0.

Approved items are:

a. Meeting Minutes

- April 14, 2016 (Amended)
- b. Sale of Burial Plots: Sylvia A. Connannon; Fay & Doris Sherman
- c. Ministerial Lease Land/Quit Claim Deed: 20 School Street
- d. Randolph Food Shelf Banner Request
- e. Warrants

5. New Business

- a. Briefing by Ranger Solar on East Bethel Road Solar Array Project
(Mr. Hildenbrand arrived at this point in the meeting.)

Mr. Svedlow briefed the audience and took questions:

Why Board support? To meet the needs of town. What would happen if there if there is no support? Ranger might pull back. Ranger prefers constructive criticism so that plans can be

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adjusted to meet community concerns. What is the response to issue of real estate? Not enough data yet on larger array abutters. If there is a need to upgrade the transmission infrastructure – who pays? Ranger must comply with ISO New England if any changes the project will pay. The western odd project shape is the result of setbacks and streams. The eastern odd shape is to reduce visibility of arrays. What is advantage of PURPA? Mrs. Brassard wants to see comparative data on prices charged and avoided costs compared with Green Mountain Power, etc. Ranger is registered in Delaware. Would it consider contracts requiring that the contract be in compliance with Vermont laws. Ranger will check in with their management and investors but didn't see any issues.

What are types of area targeted? Ranger starts with proximity to power. The advantages are to farmers guaranteed annual income that allows the remainder of land to continue in agriculture use. Bonding for the removal of the equipment is a guarantee with state and landowners that the equipment will be removed at the end of the project and the land returned to pre-project condition, but Ranger won't guarantee life expectancy of the project.

Why the fencing around the array? It is for insurance and security—much of design is directed by ANR and Department of Public Service. Life expectancy is up to 40 years. The project would then be decommissioned or re-permitted. The project provides an estimated 300 MW or power for 6,000 homes.

Was the project originally 100 acres or was 100 acres necessary due to the terrain? Ranger stated that it needed a certain scale to be efficient.

Energy is all used in Vermont but RECs are sold on the market, sale preferred in Vermont
One REC equals one MW hour

- b. Water Allocation: Tire Warehouse – 408 VT Route 12S

On motion by Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board approved Tire Warehouse's water allocation of 75 gallons per day. Vote 4-0-0.

- c. Award Engineering Service Contracts:

- Clay Wight Hill Road Reconstruction

On motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Ward, the Board awarded the engineering services contract to Pathways Consulting, LLC. in the amount of \$25,322 for Clay Wight Hill Road Reconstruction project and appointed Melvin Adams as duly authorized signatory. Vote 3-0-1 (Hildenbrand abstained).

- Beanville Road culvert Replacement

On motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Ward, the Board awarded the engineering services contract to DeWolfe in the amount of \$28,000 for Beanville Road Culvert Replacement project and appointed Melvin Adams as duly authorized signatory. Vote 3-0-1 (Hildenbrand abstained).

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- Elm and Prospect Streets Utility and Paving

On motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Ward, the Board awarded the engineering services contract to DuBois & King, Inc. in the amount of \$44,300 for Elm and Prospect Streets Utility and Paving project and appointed Melvin Adams as duly authorized signatory. Vote 3-0-1 (Hildenbrand abstained).

- d. Request to submit Revolving Loan Fund/grant applications:

- New Water Supply (RLF)

On motion by Dr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board authorized an application to be submitted to the USDA as a revolving loan fund in the amount of \$191,000 for the purpose of identifying a new water supply for the Water District and appointed Melvin Adams as duly authorized signatory. Vote 4-0-0

- Governors Highway Safety – Speed Signs and Trailer (grant)

On motion by Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Mr. Evans, the board approved submitting a grant application through the Governor's Highway Safety Program for a Radar Speed Trailer and Signage for the Randolph Police Department and appointed Mel Adams, as duly authorized signatory. Vote 4-0-0.

- e. Award Contract for Historical Preservation at Kimball Library, using HP grant funding

On motion by Dr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board awarded the contract to Vermont Restoration in the amount of \$10,725 for painting the window sills of the Kimball Public Library, to be funded through Historical Preservation grant: with the remaining funds to be expended through facilities reserve and appointed Melvin Adams as duly authorized signatory to the contract. Vote 4-0-0.

- f. Approve issuing an RFP for codification of town policies and ordinances

On motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Ward, the Board approved soliciting a request for proposal to codify its town policies and ordinances. Vote 4-0-0.

- g. Set Site Visit for Stage Road

The consensus of the board is to schedule a site visit at Stage Road on June 9, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

6. Old Business

- a. Bond Anticipation Note of \$3M for Paving & Sewer

The Board approved and signed the Bond Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$3M with Lake Sunapee Bank Loan 6000762186 in the amount of \$1.8M for paving and Loan 6000762194 in the amount of \$1.2M for sewer.

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b. Consideration of Letter of intent for 16 Pleasant Street

The Board reviewed a draft letter of intent to purchase 16 Pleasant Street. Letter will be edited and presented at a future meeting.

7. Other Business

On motion by Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Dr. Ward, the Board approved a request for an extension of time, from June 4, 2016 to July 31, 2016, for the Board of Listers to complete the 2016 Grand List. Vote 4-0-0.

8. Adjournment

At 8:55 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Brassard, seconded by Mr. Hildenbrand, the Board voted to adjourn until its site visit at 4:30 p.m. on June 9, 2016 with regular meeting to immediately follow in Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street. Vote 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin E. Adams
Town Manager