

Selectboard Meeting of October 21, 2014
Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street

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

Absent: Trini Brassard

Municipal Staff: Melvin Adams (Town Manager), Cindy Spaulding (Recorder), Kate Sigurdson (Recreation Director), and Elizabeth Walker (Water/Wastewater Superintendent)

Public Attendees: T.R. Delaney, Vickie Weiss (Assistant Judge), Eric Truran, Diana Salyer, David Hurwitz, Gigi Fanning, Stewart Skrill, Vaughn Collins, Linda Greaves (Vermont Department of Health), Dr. Ken Borie, Dr. Chris Wilson, Rebecca Rogers, Polly Smith, Donna Gaulin, Dr. Lou DiNicola, Dr. Josh Plaven, Shelia Aulla, Jim Tucker and Robert Runnals. Observation of walk-in attendees: Patrick French

Media: Luke Sweet (ORCA) and M. D. Drysdale (*Herald of Randolph, The*)

1. Call to Order

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and introductions were made.

2. Approve Agenda

On motion by Mr. Richburg, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 5 New Business sub items b: Create Economic Development Council, c: Appoint Members to Economic Development Council, and d: Update on Stagecoach Transportation from Julie Iffland. Vote 4-0-0.

Note: removed sub-items scheduled for November 18, 2014 meeting.

3. Public Comment

Vickie Weiss, Assistant Side Judge for Chelsea Courts provided an update on the court hose and bell tower projects. If anyone had questions, they could contact the assistant judges at 685-2113.

4. Consent Agenda

On motion by Ms. Ryerson, seconded by Mr. Richburg, the Board approved the consent agenda as presented: minutes of September 16, 2014 (Public Hearing), minutes of September 16, 2014 (regular meeting), Sale of Burial plots to James and Denice Paroline; and John Satre, and warrants. Vote 4-0-0.

5. New Business

a. Fluoridation in Water System

The Board received testimony on the pros and cons of fluoridation in the Town of Randolph's water supply. Participants in discussion were: **Con:** Diana Salyer, Stewart Skrill, Donna Gaulin, David Hurwitz, and Eric Truran; **Pro:** Linda Greaves (State Department of Health), Chris Wilson, DDS, Dr. Lou DiNicola (Pediatrics), and Dr. Ken Borie (General Practice). Marjorie Ryerson left the meeting at 6:20 p.m. in order to participate in the legislative debate at the Gifford Medical Center Conference Rooms.

Highlights of the testimony:

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Cons: Method of delivery of fluoride in the town's water supply, sodium fluoride (commercial grade) vs Calcium Chloride (natural grade), systemic vs topical, fluoride as a medicine, adverse effects to development of infants,

Pros: endorsement of fluoride in the water systems by the EPA, EPA conducts a study every six years; testing of the water system, adverse effects of fluorosis (white spots on teeth) due to eating toothpaste not from fluoride in the water.

Literature handed out during the meeting are available with the official records of these minutes in the vault of the Town Clerk's office.

Discussion from the Board was to look into the subject further, conducting a public hearing, send surveys with the water bills, and possibly hold a nonbinding vote at Town Meeting in March 2015.

- b. Create Economic Development Council – rescheduled to November 18
- c. Appoint Members to Economic Development Council – rescheduled to November 18
- d. Update on Stagecoach Transportation – rescheduled to November 18
- e. Proposal to Use Branchwood for Recreation

Kate Sigurdson proposed to the board the concept of using part of the Branchwood property (smokestack location) to build a permanent skate park and pump track for the Randolph community.

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mr. Richburg, the Board voted to provide conceptual approval for the use of the smokestack location of the Branchwood property for a permanent skate park and pump track. Vote 3-0-0

(It was requested to move item m up for discussion, from this point the subjects have been renumbered)

- f. Arts Bus Grant

Ms. Sigurdson presented to the board a request to submit a grant application for the Recreation Department to offer multiple Arts Bus visitations and one week theatre camp during in the 2015 summer programs. The funding opportunity is through the Vermont Arts Council and Vermont Community Foundation's Small and Inspiring Grant Program.

On motion by Mr. Richburg, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to approve the Recreation Department to submitting a grant application through the Vermont Arts Council and Vermont Community Foundation's Small and Inspiring program in the amount of \$2,500 for the purpose of offering multiple Arts Bus visits and a one-week theater camp during the summer programs. Vote 3-0-0.

- g. Adjust New Water and Sewer Rates

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mr. Richburg, the board voted to set the water rate at \$45.00 minimum for the first five hundred cubic feet usage and charge \$7.50 per additional cubic feet; sewer rate \$45.00 minimum for the first five hundred cubic feet usage

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h. Ancient Roads

Mr. Adams reported the deadline for mapping ancient roads was due to the State no later than February 2015 and provided an overview of the process. The Stage Road was the only road that was still being researched due to the research it may be beneficial to hire an individual to research the town records. More information may be available by the November 18th meeting.

i. Resignation from Conservation Commission Member

On motion by Mr. Richburg, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to accept Paul Putney, Jr.'s resignation from the Conservation and thanked him for his time served on the Conservation Commission; and to advertise the vacancy on the commission. Vote 3-0-0.

j. Appoint Member to the Energy Committee

On motion by Mr. Richburg, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to appoint Gary Dir as a member of the Energy Committee. Vote 3-0-0.

k. Homeland Security/Law Enforcement Grant Agreement for RPD computer

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mr. Richburg, the Board voted to ratify acceptance of the FY2014 State Homeland Security Grant Program agreement: 02140-74252-110 in the amount of \$5,350.00 to purchase a mobile data terminal for the Randolph Police Department and appointed Mel Adams as duly authorized signatory. Vote 3-0-0.

l. Governor's Highway Safety/DUI Grant Agreement

On motion by Mr. Richburg, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to ratify acceptance of the 2015 DUI Enforcement Agreement: 02140-1115-5136 in the amount of \$1,200 for the Randolph Police Department support DUI check points. Vote 3-0-0.

m. FEMA Firefighters Grant Program Application

On motion by Mr. Richburg, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to approve submitting a grant application through FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for the purpose of obtaining funding for firefighting equipment to be determined. Vote 3-0-0.

n. Utility Relocation for Palmer Road Bridge Project

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mr. Richburg, the Board voted to approve the Utility Relocation Order: Randolph BRO 1444(57) for the bridge improvement project on Town Highway 65 (Palmer Road). Vote 3-0-0.

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o. Adopt a Road Name

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mr. Richburg, the Board voted to approve the Road name: Snows Brook Road Pvt. This road is located off of North Randolph Road near Donny Smith Drive. Vote 3-0-0.

p. Additional Water and Sewer Allocation for Winslow Family LLC (Belmains)

On motion by Mr. Richburg, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to approve the Winslow Family LLC's request for additional water allocation of 216 gallons per day with a fee of \$572.40 and sewer allocation of 192 gpd with a fee of \$960 for an eight indoor seating at Belmains at 15 North Main Street.). Vote 3-0-0.

6. Old Business/Other Business

- Correspondence – VLCT Self Governance regarding Election
- Prince Street– Mr. Adams asked permission to grade the parking lot on Prince Street for public parking. He will work with the property owners for a written agreement. It was the consensus of the board to proceed.
- Resolution for Sustainable Education Funding Reform in Vermont – Mr. Adams presented the resolution and provided an explanation that it was to request the legislature to consider stabilizing the statewide education property tax and to research other funding sources for the Education Fund.
- Salt Usage for the Winter – Mr. Adams announced that the price for road salt has increased.

7. Committee Reports

Mr. Richburg reported that the Solarize event was a success. There were over 100 participants and 90 signed up for home assessments.

8. Adjournment

At 7:50 p.m. on motion by Mr. Richburg, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to adjourn until its next scheduled meeting of November 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall Conference Room B. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Spaulding
Recorder

Dennis Brown
Selectboard chair