

**TOWN OF WOODFORD
SELECT BOARD MEETING**

JUNE 20, 2018

PRESENT: Mike Charette, Ryan Thurber, Steve Wright, Betty Charette, Gail Rutkowski

ABSENT: Susan Wright (arrived around 8:15 pm)

PUBLIC: Mike Smith, David Francomb, Emily Lauderdale

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Ryan called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

BENNINGTON TRAIL CRUISERS/GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST: Mike Smith presented the Board with the update on the proposed work that the Trail Cruisers "grant" would like to address.

David stated that he had been presented the Trail Cruisers proposed "scope of work" and that he and Emily were attending the meeting to follow up on some questions that they had concerning a possible "closed loop" within the project.

David also commented that the "South of VT RT 9 Integration Project" had some environmental components added and that he wanted to be certain that any work to be done by the Trail Cruisers met the new standards.

Ryan pointed out that the National Forest believes that they have jurisdiction over the Stage Trail, but that was not the case, as has been stated many times in the past.

Ryan asked if there was any conflict as to who has jurisdiction over the waterways in Vermont and David stated no. (State of Vermont -- ANR has jurisdiction.)

Mike Smith pointed out that the Stamford Stream was proposed to use the same standards as is currently suggested since Tropical Storm Irene for reconstruction purposes of the area.

Ryan asked about the possible "re-routing" of a portion of the "Kelly Bridge Trail". He also asked what the Green Mountain National Forest's position was about the possible change.

David stated that he had spoken to Mike Smith and that he had relayed his concerns about the possibility that a "closed loop" being created by the proposed project. He also stated that the Town of Woodford and he had come to an agreement to agree to disagree, but that he would not stop Woodford's decision. He also stated that the National Forest would like to work with Woodford and the Trail Cruisers, so that the National Forest would not have to take other actions.

David stated that only "connector trails" were permitted under the National Forest plans.

Mike expressed that he felt that it should not be a concern as snowmobilers and four-wheelers tended to use different parts of the trail system. He did express that the Trail Cruisers were intending to maintain the area as a multi-use trail for bikers, hikers, cross-country skiers, etc. He specifically spoke of the area where there are three (3) beaver dams that are badly eroded and is an illegal trail currently. He stated that the intention was to restore the area with the organic material that is already located in the area, which he referred to as the "fen".

Ryan stated that the Kelly Bridge Trail is a recognized snowmobile trail through the VAST Trail System and that there is a bone of contention between the snowmobilers and the four-wheelers.

Ryan also stated that the "Million Dollar Road" from Heartwellville (Camp Casino side) heading west, had deviations in the past and that it caused a problem for Stamford.

Mike Smith stated that the work would be going from Forest land to Forest land so that there would not be any cross-over jurisdictions. He suggested that it would allow standards to be consistent throughout the proposed project.

David expressed his concerns again that the National Forest wanted to be involved where there may be a possible "closed-loop" created that four-wheelers

might use. He stated that due to their "management plan" that it was not permissible for the National Forest to create a "closed-loop" trail for ATV's.

Ryan asked what the driving force was that the National Forest thought that they had jurisdiction over the "Stage Trail".

David noted that the decision pre-dated the 1970's and that he was only asking that the Town work with the state and then they would have a conversation with the National Forest. Should a decision be made that they were not in agreement, there would be a challenge through the legal process.

David stated that the National Forest's intentions were to be sure that "standards" were met in the decision making with the proposed project.

Ryan stated that he wanted to be sure that what was be spoken about was pertaining strictly to the "Stage Trail" proposal and not any other work.

Mike Smith noted that the Trail Cruisers were looking at the whole project in order to save expenses. He also noted that they would like to do the work all at once since the equipment to be used was being shipped from Barrington.

Mike Smith emphasized that it was necessary to do the reconstruction at the Kelly Trail so that they could get their equipment in safely to do the proposed project.

The area that Mike Smith thought really needed the attention was were the people take a right in the Kelly Bridge area. (National Forest Rd. 391 area)

Ryan noted that the area of FR 391 was just beyond Woodford's jurisdiction.

Mike Smith noted that the west end was in desperate need of repair.

David asked if the Town would consider a bridge over the Stamford Creek and Ryan responded absolutely.

Emily stated that it would need a significant bridge.

After more discussion Ryan stated that a bridge would cause significant concern with liability, expense, and maintenance for Woodford.

David explained that the National Forest was looking to do one (1) project vs. two (2) projects in order to save money and that they were looking at their options.

Further discussion led to the width of the bridge where Emily noted that the bridge would probably not be able to compensate the snowmobile groomers.

Ryan noted that the VAST trail has jurisdiction over the trail and that they have precedence over the road width.

Mike Smith noted that the cost of the bridge would be out of sight. He further expressed that it was another reason that the "ford/fen" area to be the better option. Another reason to fix the "ford/fen" was due to the fact that emergency vehicles would have better access should there be a need.

David gave an update on FR 273. He stated that Chuck Suss had been in touch with him and that the National Forest would be grading FR 273 this summer.

David also noted that Prospect was changing ownership and that the new owners would be allowed to continue with the special permit from the Forest Service.

David informed the Board that the Camp Casino timber sale had not yet begun work, but that they had a few years to begin the project.

David noted that a vegetation habitat study for upland birds had been done and that the comment period was closed.

Ryan made the motion to approve the proposed Trail Cruisers "operations agreement", Mike 2nd; All in favor: Yes. Ryan noted that there was not a "signature" page available to sign and that the Board would follow-up to sign the agreement.

APPROVAL OF JUNE'S MINUTES: Ryan made the motion to approved the previous minutes as presented, Mike 2nd; All in favor: Yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ryan made the motion to approve the outstanding bills, Mike 2nd; Steve abstained where necessary.....two (2) yes and one (1) abstention

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Ryan made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant as presented, Mike 2nd; All in favor: Yes.

Steve made the motion to approve the warrant for the Harbour Road, Mike 2nd; All in favor: Yes.

Ryan made the motion to approve the 2nd payment for the property taxes, Mike 2nd; All in favor: Yes.

Ryan made the motion to approve the Pay Roll, Mike 2nd; Steve abstained where necessary.two (2) yes and one (1) abstention

OTHER BUSINESS: Gail presented Barry Bishop's proposal for the amount of \$3,200.00 for painting and updating of the bathrooms.

After some discussion the Board agreed to eliminate the "hanging of the pipes" in the proposal. The Board deducted \$200.00 for the removal of the hanging of the sewer pipes and adjusted the amount to \$3,000.00. Ryan made the motion, Steve 2nd; All in favor: Yes.

Gail presented a "letter of acceptance" for the parcel mapping data.

Ryan inquired if the "roads" were included in the mapping, as they pertain to Woodford's recorded "mileage" roads with the state.

Betty noted that there were road names, however they were not just specific to Woodford's state "recorded mileage" roads.

Gail presented the Board with a "municipal roads general permit" grant program for mitigation.

Ryan stepped away from the Board to remove himself from the Dufrense property discussion. (discussed at the previous meeting)

Steve explained that the Dufrense property was in need of a title search since the owner was not able to be identified or located according to the Town's attorney.

Steve suggested that the Board begin with a title search for the Dufrense property and if the property had to go out to a tax sale that possibly the owner would come forward.

Mike made the motion to approve the spending of up to \$1,000.00 for the Town's attorney, Jason Morrissey, to do the title search for the Dufrense property, so that the Board could move forward to resolve the Dufrense property issues. He suggested that the lawyer give a report at the time of the \$1,000.00 limit to determine any further action to be taken.....Steve 2nd; Ryan abstained.....two (2) yes and one (1) abstention

Ryan noted that as Select Chair person of the Board, that there will be times when he will have to be included in the decision-making process in order to move forward. However, he stated that he would have to state publicly his position, as he is an "involved party" in the Dufrense property.

Ryan brought to the Board's attention that citizen's had been questioning the "aprons" on VT RT 9 after the roadway had recently been paved. He noted other areas of concern, such as the Town's front lawn and the vacant Wright property buy-out. He noted that a follow-up to AOT was necessary to address the concerns.

Gail presented the Board with the bill from Uncle Bob's for the septic. She stated that it reflected the pipe adjustment and that they suggested that the roof vent be checked to see if it was plugged.

Betty suggested a "memorandum of understanding" (MOU) between Bennington and Woodford for road maintenance.

Ryan explained that a MOU between the two (2) town's would require certification and schooling for Woodford's road commissioner, as well as an added expense to the town and it's taxpayers.

There being no further business, Ryan made the motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, Mike 2nd; All in favor: Yes.

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The Board adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7 pm.

Acting Secretary,




Betty Jean Charette

TOWN OF WOODFORD OUTSTANDING BILLS

6/20/2018

VENDOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT	CHECK #
BCN	Phone	\$ 117.06	general	
Bennington Banner	ZBA legal notice 5/26/2018	\$ 58.28	general	
Bennington Cty Sheriffs Dept	May Patrols	\$ 683.84	general	
Green Mountain power	electric	\$ 138.50	general	
Town of Bennington	Harbour Rd. Grading 6/12/18	\$ 1,200.00	Highway	
County of Bennington	Tax Warrant	\$ 4,321.39	tax	
Mike Charette	reimbursement for flowers	\$ 49.96	general	
Kofile	paper for recording	\$ 107.72	general	
Glenn Thurber	mileage reimbursement 5/15 5/16 5/22 5/23 516 miles	\$ 281.22	general general general	
Susan Wright	reimbursement clerk training fee 25.00 certified letters 6.20 & 6.20 plants & mulch 31.78	\$ 69.18	general general	
Susan Wright	mileage/clerk training west rutland 5/3/18 & manchester 5/16/18	\$ 98.10	general	
Uncle Bob's Septic	for bathroom back-up	\$ 300.00	general	
Unicorn Computer	remote labor/virus update	\$ 50.00	general	
John Dovitski	Spring clean-up town hall cemetery mowing/5/21&6/7	\$ 130.00 \$ 280.00	general general	
Gail Rutkowski	May banking mileage	\$ 17.44	general	
Vt league of cities&towns	member dues 7/1/18-6/30/19	\$ 1,481.00	general	
Total		\$ 9,383.69		

SELECTMEN:

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03:32 pm

Town of Woodford Accounts Payable
Check Warrant Report # AP-5 Current Prior Next FY Invoices
For checks For Check Acct 01(GENERAL) 05/01/18 To 05/31/18

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Treasurer

Vendor	Invoice	Invoice Description	Purchase Amount	Discount Amount	Amount Paid	Check Number	Check Date
177	BCN TELECOMMUNICATIONS	22489592 phone	112.59	0.00	112.59	4203	05/09/18
250	TREASURER STATE OF VERMONT	MAY 15 2018 dog licenses	115.00	0.00	115.00	4205	05/10/18
62	BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COM SWIP 17/18	swip quarter 3	247.83	0.00	247.83	4209	05/17/18
133	BENNINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DE 04/30/18	April patrols	769.32	0.00	769.32	4210	05/17/18
GKR	GAIL K. RUTKOWSKI	APRIL april banking mileage	17.44	0.00	17.44	4211	05/17/18
05	GMP GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER	05/09/18 electric	165.69	0.00	165.69	4212	05/17/18
JLR	JOSEPH RUTKOWSKI	4/19/18 disp. gloves	8.91	0.00	8.91	4213	05/17/18
23	NEMRC	41716 quarterly reports/consul	750.00	0.00	750.00	4214	05/17/18
158	STAPLES	2068823321 office supplies	107.44	0.00	107.44	4215	05/17/18
48	SUBURBAN PROPANE	05/17/2018 fuel	457.20	0.00	457.20	4216	05/17/18
UNCLE	UNCLE BOB'S SEPTIC	4516042618 septic work	245.00	0.00	245.00	4217	05/17/18
Report Total			2,996.42	0.00	2,996.42		

Board of Selectmen

To the Treasurer of Town of Woodford, We Hereby certify that there is due to the several persons whose names are listed hereon the sum against each name and that there are good and sufficient vouchers supporting the payments aggregating \$ *****2,996.42
Let this be your order for the payments of these amounts.

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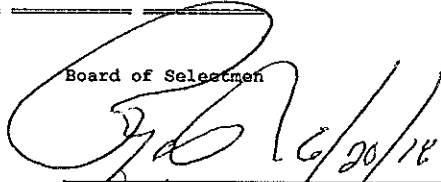
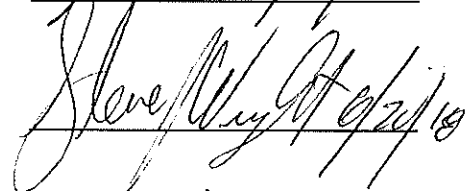

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Treasurer

Vendor	Invoice	Invoice Description	Purchase Amount	Discount Amount	Amount Paid	Check Number	Check Date
H100	DWYER'S 4 SEASONS	4092	pot hole repair/harbour	490.00	0.00	490.00	973 05/18/18
Report Total			490.00	0.00	490.00		

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Town of Woodford Accounts Payable

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All Manual\Direct Pays For Check Acct 08(GENERAL) 05/01/2018 To 05/31/2018

Treasurer

Vendor	Invoice	Invoice Description	Purchase Amount	Discount Amount	Amount Paid	Check Number	Check Date
250	TREASURER STATE OF VERMONT	MAY 18 2018 2017 st. education taxes	8508.64	0.00	8508.64	1189	05/18/18
Report Total			8,508.64	0.00	8,508.64		

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Employee	Gross	Fringes	Reimburse	FWT	FICA	MEDI	SWT	SDI	Local	Oth Dedu	Net Amt	Elec Amt	Check No

KINNEY, JAMES R.	40.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.51	0.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.39	0.00	4218
KINNEY, JAMES R.	174.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.80	2.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.92	0.00	4200
KINNEY, JAMES R.	478.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.68	6.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	442.11	0.00	4208
Total of 3 items for 77K											640.42	0.00	
DOVITSKI, JOHN H.	60.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	3.72	0.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.41	0.00	4196
DOVITSKI, LINDA S.	156.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	9.67	2.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	134.07	0.00	4197
RUTKOWSKI, GAIL K.	1000.00	0.00	0.00	88.75	62.00	14.50	11.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	822.92	0.00	4201
GAHAN, PAMELA J.	183.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.39	2.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	169.70	0.00	4198
GAHAN, PAMELA J.	120.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.49	1.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	111.51	0.00	4207
GAHAN, PAMELA J.	126.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.81	1.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	116.36	0.00	4219
Total of 3 items for PJG											397.57	0.00	
HARRINGTON, SANDRA D.	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.96	1.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	73.88	0.00	4199
THURBER, GLENN G.	72.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.46	1.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66.50	0.00	4204
WRIGHT, SUSAN C.	1067.71	0.00	0.00	75.94	66.20	15.48	30.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	880.02	0.00	4202
WRIGHT, SUSAN C.	381.00	0.00	0.00	7.27	23.62	5.52	5.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	338.90	0.00	4206
Total of 2 items for WRIGHT											1218.92	0.00	

	3940.68	0.00	0.00	191.96	244.31	57.13	47.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	3399.69	0.00	
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