

TOWN OF WOODFORD, VT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 21, 2013- Draft

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Ryan Thurber, Mike Charette, Steve Wright*

ALSO PRESENT: *Avis Hurley, Jim Goodine, Jim Horrigan (treasurer), Susan Wright, (clerk).*

The meeting was called to order by Ryan Thurber at 7:02pm.

1. ENERGY EVALUATION

Jim Goodine gave a presentation relative to the Energy Audit as part of "Efficiency Vermont". Woodford is now part of the program and any options relative to Jim's audit will fall under part of the program. The Town hall is relatively well insulated. However, room for improvement can be made. (See the attachments for suggestions)

After discussion it was decided to move forward with bringing the furnace room into State compliance by installing overhead sprinkler systems and "air sealing" the attic. This should suffice for a \$250 rebate from the State.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC

Avis voiced a concern about the increasing traffic on Harbour Rd. It seemed to be out of state people just riding around and not realizing the road is a dead end road. All of this traffic was causing additional wear and tear on the road and increase in the dust. A discussion followed as to the cause and possible fix to this concern. The fact that National Forest has limited the available access points to National Forest is certainly a contributing factor, Avis suggested a sign at the beginning of the road stating it was a dead end road. The select board agreed to look into a sign stating "no outlet" or something similar to deter unnecessary traffic.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed two sets of minutes.

Motion made by Ryan to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2013 select board regular meeting, second by Mike. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Ryan to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2013 special tax rate meeting, second by Steve. All in favor. Motion Carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim stated that the tax bills are out and were out within the required time frame. Taxes are coming in at a good pace. Currently \$48,532 has been collected in taxes.

Jim also stated that expenses seem to be in line with the budget

A. Warrants:

1. Motion made by Ryan to approve the warrants from General Fund 1-7 for \$6858.54, second by Mike. All in favor, Motion Carried.

2. Motion made by Ryan to approve the warrants from Payroll-7 for \$1086.67, second by Mike. All in favor, Motion Carried.

B. Unpaid Bills:

Jim presented a total of \$9394.59 for unpaid bills for the month of August. \$4816 was actually money received that had to be deposited in one account and then transferred to the general fund. This brings the actual unpaid bills total to \$4578.59. Jim also stated that the \$1900.00 paid to the sheriff's dept brings it close to the budget amount the townspeople approved. He also expressed a concern that the town does not receive a statement from the sheriff's dept as to what the amount covers and would feel more comfortable if this could be attained.

Motion made by Ryan to approve unpaid bills as presented, second by Steve. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Ryan asked Jim if any received fees have been deposited into the general fund as required by the Town Charter. Jim stated that no, he had not received any fees from the Town Clerk to deposit. Ryan expressed his concern that it has now been 3 months since the charter was approved and this requirement is still not being followed. Jim stated that he was very uncomfortable requesting this and by doing so may alienate the help he is currently receiving. Steve stated that no one can pick and choose what items in the charter will be followed. The charter was

written by the people of the town; they have spoken by writing the charter and expect it to be followed by everyone. Ryan stated that if this is an issue than it has to be discussed and resolved in a public meeting.

5. AUDIT UPDATE

Ryan stated that the audit should be coming to an end. Jim stated that he was disappointed that many of his phone calls had not been returned by Steve Love but that he will be meeting with both him and Ron this Fri morning for any final information.

6. FEMA 404 PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE

Ryan stated that he had been in contact with Karen Mae Smith as to the status of the buyouts. She replied that she still had not received the forms originally requested that should have been completed within 180 days from the first request. The forms needed concern the management costs and duns#. Ryan explained to her that the management costs of a possible \$7100 need to be deposited in the general fund since this was the work of several people. Ryan will pursue this request since he is the second authorized signer, the first being Ron, to complete this process. The process has been delayed long enough by failure to complete things in a timely manner.

7. MARVIN/YVONNE SIMON ESTATE PROPERTY CLEAN UP

Ryan explained that the cleanup on the Simon property is slowly progressing. The Peter Lawrence, attorney for the estate, and the Town's attorney have had conversations back and forth concerning this issue. The DEC is now involved and has to determine the level of contamination and then determine how much the State will re-imburse the Town. Ryan stated that he had a concern that the Town may possibly be left with a very large cleanup bill if no contamination is determined leaving the tax payers footing the bill.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Ryan stated that the State has sent down new minimum road and bridge standards that need to be adopted. Any roads built in town now must meet certain requirements.

Mike stated that he was notified by the school board that they have folding tables and picnic tables they will be getting rid of unless the Town has a use for them. It was determined that the school is getting rid of these because they are in poor condition therefore the Town would not be able to use them.

Ryan stated the BCRC is fully involved in working with SWIP (solid waste disposal) and several other towns to meet the minimum standards from the State. Woodford has been a part of Benn's plan and will continue to do so. BCRC is actually writing the comprehensive waste mgmt plans for the town. Woodford needs to write a letter to the State stating that Woodford supports the application for a grant to complete a comprehensive solid waste mgmt plan. The letter must also state that Woodford agrees to work with the Towns of Arlington, Benn, Dorset, Glastonbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, Stamford and Sunderland to fulfill the Act 148 requirement. Ryan stated that he will take care of this request.

Jim submitted two letter of interest to purchase lots # 600 and #402 at WLE. These two properties were put up for tax sale a year ago and not sold and therefore are now under the ownership of the Town. Ryan stated that the Town does not want to own land and need to get both these properties back into the grand list. He stated that he is in favor of accepting both of these offers since it has been 1 year since they were put up for tax sale. He also stated that he will contact both prospective buyers to confirm and discuss details. Both of these proposals will then be presented to the Town's attorney with his recommendation that the town accepts these offers. The final determination will be made by the Select Board at a future public meeting.

No other business.

Motion made by Ryan to adjourn, second by Steve. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting Wed September 18, 2013 at 7:00pm.

Submitted by:

Susan Wright