

APPROVED  
SELECT BOARD MINUTES  
OCTOBER 23, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lourie, Linda Montague, Philip E. Mazzucco, Deborah Baker & Thomas Wilson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Susan Nichols, Debra Fuller, Jane Davies, Donald S. Lewis, John LaVecchia, Val Almosnino, Robert and Lucille Swinarton.

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Received on October 22nd a notice of a hearing at Vermont Superior Court for Janet Fram's tax appeal case. Town Attorney John Thrasher will let the Board know when a hearing date has been set.
2. The Dorset branch of Berkshire Bank is closing on February 8, 2019. The Town will be using the Manchester branch office for its banking.
3. Andrea will find out if it is mandatory for the Board of Civil Authority to meet prior to the November 6th election.
4. Zoning Board Administrator John LaVecchia felt the language for the conditional use permit fees be clarified. A recent zoning application he received brought the issue up. John suggested that a fee of \$100.00 be assigned to the conditional use permit and that a three tier fee schedule be used for the square footage of each structure. It was the consensus of the Board to amend the language of the conditional use permit application as proposed by John.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed the September budget status report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. In response to callers, Mark has been telling them to report speeding to the Vermont State Police.
2. Bob Swinarton asked the Board if they plan to fix the sidewalks in Rupert Village. Mark replied that sidewalk repairs were not in the current budget, but the voters could be asked at Town Meeting if they want money raised to do the work. Jane said there might be grant money available for the repairs.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: The sand shed is nearly full and there is some salt on hand. The crew will help Pawlet tomorrow put in a box culvert. Tom had two similar estimates for new radios which are badly needed. Motion by Linda, seconded by Debbie to purchase seven radios for about \$4,500.00 from CVC Two Way Radio of Rutland, Vermont. Motion carried. Yesterday Dude had his windshield explode on Kent Hollow Road and will get it replaced. Peckham is scheduled to do the paving on Thursday of Friday.
2. Val reported that he took Lister education at only a cost of \$100.00 for the Town. The balance of the Lister course, Val's mileage and hotel expense were reimbursed through a State grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jane Davies gave an update on the Sheldon's Store project. Four slide shows about it have been given and the Store committee heard comments and suggestions from the audience. The committee is seeking funding, and expects to receive substantial funding this week, which will help to purchase the Store property. There is the possibility that Preservation Trust may have a grant available to assist with phase 2 of the renovations. The existing septic would be able to accommodate a small cafe' there, but one with more seating would need an easement to construct a larger septic system on Town land. Eventually the Store committee would want a commitment from the Select Board on having the septic on Town land.
2. Phil said there are two cedar trees at the Rupert Street Cemetery which need to be cut down. Either the Highway Crew can fell them or hire someone to do the job.
3. Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Debbie, seconded by Phil to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Montague  
Select Board Clerk