

Selectboard Attendance: Chairman John "Peeker" Heffernan, Joel Bouvier and Carol Wells. Town Administrator Bill Bryant and Town Clerk Therese Kirby. Filmed for NEAT TV by Mary Arbuckle and reported for the Addison Independent by Andrew Stein. Also attended by: Cecil Foster, Sue Kavanagh, John Moyers, Chico Martin, Willow Wheelock, Wilder Wheelock, John Elder, Slim Pickens, Gerald Heffernan, Peter Meyer, Katie Raycroft Meyer, Kevin Irish and George Smith.

1. Peeker Heffernan called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Cecil Foster was here regarding the Fourth of July Committees request to bury speaker wires on the Town Green. In the past they have hung the wires in the trees. They will bury conduit pipe underground and the speaker wire will run through the conduit. The conduit will stay in place, but the wires will be removed and rethreaded each Fourth of July. Carol Wells moved to authorize the installation of the conduit per the submitted drawing. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.

2. Public Forum: Willow Wheelock was here regarding the process by which Katie Raycroft-Meyer was removed from the Planning Commission and she feels the Selectboard set the wrong tone by being divisive. She hopes the Selectboard reflects on their ruling and handles the situation better in the future. John Moyers is curious about the unwritten policy regarding applicants with legal suits against the Town or the Town is involved in. Peeker Heffernan said it is not about the person's ability to do the job, it is about public perception. Bill Bryant said these are political appointments made by a political body (the Selectboard) and the Selectboard has the discretion to appoint people as they see fit. Carol Wells explained it was a little bit about conflict of interest as you don't want to appoint a board that leans entirely one way or the other on any specific issue. Peeker explained it is about balance. Willow appreciates exclusion of people who are direct litigants against the Town, but would like this to be a written policy.

3. The Selectboard met with Katie Raycroft Meyer regarding the status of her membership on the Planning Commission. Peeker Heffernan stated for the record this is not a personal attack on Katie and the decision was made only after information came to light she was currently represented in the litigation regarding the Lathrop gravel issue. Katie Raycroft-Meyer read a statement into record. She would like the Selectboard to reappoint her to the Planning Commission as she is caught in the middle of this issue. Bill Bryant explained how this situation came about. Carol Wells said this in an informal policy and she feels there is adequate evidence here to show that Katie was never truly represented by attorney Andrew Jackson. A letter dropped off by Andrew Jackson at the start of the meeting was passed around for the Selectboard to read. Carol Wells moved to reconsider the vote taken on May 21, 2012 to remove Katie from the Planning Commission. Bill Bryant explained it would require a majority vote of the three Selectboard members present, and it would take a unanimous vote of all five to reverse the motion. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.

4. Kevin Irish was here to discuss drainage along his property boundary on the Notch Road. Peeker Heffernan explained Kevin needed a permit to work in the public right of way, such as work he has recently undertaken without a permit that forces water to run down the paved road instead of off from it. Kevin stated he has sustained damage on his property due to water running down the Notch Road. Kevin built up his property and seeded it to direct the water runoff to his lower driveway. Kevin stated he is very unhappy with the Selectboard and feels that he is being picked on by the Selectboard, because every time he comes in for a permit something else comes up. Bill explained the driveway access is an issue the Selectboard will be discussing in executive session due to pending litigation. Peeker expressed the frustration he and the Selectboard felt in dealing with Kevin. They feel Kevin bought the property knowing it was below the grade of the road and he would have water run-off. It is not the Town's responsibility to protect Kevin's property. They are, however, willing to work with him if he will comply with the rules.

5. George Smith and Gerald Heffernan were here regarding the selection of a project manager for the Howden Hall renovation. Bill reminded the Selectboard of the \$75,000 available for work needed at Howden Hall. The scope of the work was outlined by a recent energy audit. Naylor and Breen and Ed Hanson prepared estimates for the Howden Hall Committee. The Howden Hall Committee recommends Ed Hanson at the rate of \$50 per hour. Carol Wells moved to accept the recommendation of the Howden Hall Committee and hire Ed Hanson. Joel Bouvier seconded. Joel Bouvier asked if there was a not to exceed for the project manager and Bill said no, the contract will be up to he and the Selectboard to manage. So voted. The Selectboard thanked Gerald and George for their time.

6. Town Plan review work session. Bill Bryant will keep a list of all the proposed changes to present to the Selectboard in one memorandum for them to vote on after they have discussed all proposed changes. The Selectboard worked through possible changes for several of the public hearing comments. Work will continue at the next meeting.

7. Joel Bouvier moved to hire Pike to pave Plank Road and High Street for \$82,476.38. Carol Wells seconded. So voted
8. Discussion of the driveway access application of Alice Hibbard and Russ Hibbard on Plank Road. Carol Wells moved to approve additional usage on the curb cut of the Kilbourn property and the Selectboard reserves the right to revisit the issue if additional acreage in subdivided. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.
9. Selectboard signed an accounts payable warrant of \$33,938.63.
10. Carol Wells moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2012 and May 21, 2012 as written. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.
11. Carol Wells moved to approve a special events permit for Lincoln Peak Winery and an outside consumption permit for Bobcat Café; both permits are for June 16, 2012 at Pocock Rocks. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.
12. Selectboard Roundtable: Joel Bouvier is working with Cross Engineering on the roof design for the lean-to off the salt shed and will report more in two weeks.
13. Town Administrator's Report: Carol Wells moved to authorize Bill Bryant to sign the permit authorizing the Fourth of July fireworks. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted. Carol Wells submitted a grant application to Vermont's Art Council for improving the acoustics in Holley Hall. Carol said the committee received two proposals, one involving hanging a lot of curtains and wrapping the balcony in fabric. The second proposal involved motorized shades to be hidden in a valance and spraying the ceiling to reflect the sound back down. It is the same color as the ceiling so you cannot see it. It is the same system used at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury. \$15,585 is the grant request with a match of \$9,000 to come from the Capital Building fund or Peveril Peak Reserve fund; that allocation to be determined by the Selectboard. The grant was a joint application between Darla Senecal, Carol Wells and Anne Gleason. Joel Bouvier moved to authorize the application of a Cultural Facilities Grant via the Vermont's Art Council and find funding from the Capital Building Fund or Peveril Peake fund. Carol Wells seconded. So voted.

The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee would like to bury a time capsule. Joel Bouvier moved to approve the burial of the time capsule on June 27, 2012 on the Town Green near the Peace Garden. Carol Wells seconded. It will be buried with granite marker that can be mowed over. So voted.

Boy Scout Troop #543 would like to overnight June 22 or June 23 at Eagle Park. Joel Bouvier moved to authorize the overnight camping trip at Eagle Park as a pack in/pack out trip. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Troop #543 would also like to work at Briggs Hill Cemetery setting up and cleaning some of the broken monuments. Carol Wells moved to approve Troop #543 working at Briggs Hill Cemetery under the direction of Scout Master Jim Rivers. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.

Bill presented a draft of a new driveway access application for a future agenda item. Joel Bouvier moved to authorize Peeker Heffernan to sign the agreement with the State of Vermont allowing the Listers to use the Marshall & Swift cost tables. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. Joel Bouvier moved to reappoint Bill Bryant as Town Service Officer. Carol Wells seconded. So voted. The Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement between BFD and the Fire Protection Service has been signed.
14. Carol Wells moved to go into executive session regarding two personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, or evaluation of public officers or employees and one legal matter/real estate negotiations involving the Town where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted. The Selectboard met in executive session from 9:50 pm to 11 pm. No motions were made.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Therese Kirby