

Selectboard Attendance: Chair Sharon Compagna, Brian Fox, Joel Bouvier, John "Peeker" Heffernan and Alan Huizenga. Also attended by: Town Administrator Bill Bryant, Jim Quimette, Randy Crowe, filmed for NEAT TV by Joanna Etko and reported for the Addison Independent by Zach Despart.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. The Board discussed the final changes to various budgets for FY2014-2015 as discussed at the last meeting. Budgets were adopted as follows:
 - Moved by Joel Bouvier, seconded by Brian Fox and carried to adopt a General Fund Budget of \$714,435 in expenses with taxes to be raised of \$511,385.
 - Moved by Brian Fox, seconded by Alan Huizenga and carried to adopt a Highway Budget of \$714,268 in expenses with taxes to be raised of \$609,618.
 - Moved by Brian Fox, seconded by Alan Huizenga and carried to adopt a Recreation Budget of \$259,649 in expenses with taxes to be raised of \$177,399.
 - Moved by Brian Fox, seconded by Alan Huizenga and carried to adopt a Voted Appropriations Budget of \$490,183 in expenses.
 - Moved by Peeker Heffernan, seconded by Alan Huizenga and carried to adopt a Police District Budget of \$366,256 in expenses with taxes to be raised of \$332,956.
 - Moved by Joel Bouvier, seconded by Brian Fox and carried to adopt a Landfill Budget of \$99,543 in expenses and \$129,250 in revenues, with the difference of \$29,707 intended for addition to closure funds.
 - Moved by Joel Bouvier, seconded by Alan Huizenga and carried to adopt a Water District Budget of \$255,450.
 - Moved by Brian Fox, seconded by Brian Fox and carried to adopt a Sewer District Budget of \$37,800.

2. The Board met with attorney Jim Quimette who is representing the Farr family in its sale of their farm on Route 116 North to the Vermont Land Trust and Nature Conservancy. The Town has supported this conservation project through the Conservation Commission and Conservation Reserve Fund. It turns out that a portion of the lands were originally glebe lands. Before the American Revolution lands in each town were set aside for collection of rent in support of the Church of England – after the Revolution, the Vermont Legislature assigned these rents to be collected for the support of schools. In the 1960s these rents were discontinued and the lands were subject to the same property tax as other land. Nonetheless, this interest by the Town still exists and in the interest of clear title for the new owners, they have requested the Town to quit claim any interest it may have in this property. Jim has prepared such a deed. He has also researched the law regarding public notice of the sale of public lands making such sale subject to a special town meeting vote if so petitioned. There is an exception in this statute (24 VSA §1061(e)) for situations such as this where the interest is fiduciary only. Motion was made by Alan Huizenga, seconded by Peeker Heffernan and carried to sign the proposed quit claim deed. The deed was signed and notarized for recording.

3. There was discussion about the undesignated fund balance for the General Fund year ending June 30, 2013. The balance is \$158,823. It was determined to retain 5.5% of the balance (\$98,823) as a rainy day fund and to ask voters to use \$60,000 as follows: \$30,000 to offset taxes (10k in keeping with prior years and 20k for to cover a portion of general fund budgets for health insurance for the Town's liability for health reimbursement accounts under the new employee health insurance program), \$20,000 for the Capital Building Reserve Fund, \$5,000 for

the Capital Fire Equipment Reserve Fund and \$5,000 for the Capital Roads Fund/Paving. These designations will be included in the Town Meeting Warning for voter approval.

4. The draft Town Meeting Warning was reviewed. In addition to fiscal matters, the Warning includes voting by Australian ballot on the proposed amendment to the Zoning Bylaws from the Planning Commission for creation of a Bristol Pond Camp District, approval for purchase of a new dump truck and the five year extension of three property tax exemptions. Motion was made by Alan Huizenga, seconded by Peeker Heffernan and carried to sign the Warning.
5. The draft Police District Annual Meeting Warning was reviewed. In addition to the police budget, voters will be asked to approve purchase of a new police cruiser and to transfer \$10,000 from the June 30, 2013 undesignated fund balance to the police vehicle replacement reserve fund. This latter transfer is intended to facilitate moving from an eight year vehicle rotation to a six year program. The Board asked Sgt. Randy Crowe to gather information about the expense of maintaining older vehicles in the seventh and eighth years – it is felt these expenses in repairs justify the change to a shorter cycle on police vehicles.
6. A driveway access application from John and Rita Elder for a new home to be built on Mountain View was reviewed. Drainage issues for this lot are subtle and whether a culvert or ditch is needed will depend upon how the lot is graded for the new home. No culvert is believed to be necessary but the permit will condition that this issue could be revisited by either party if drainage issues become apparent when the home is built. There is a row of lilacs along the street that may affect sight distance. It was agreed the permit should make trimming or removal of these bushes a condition of approval. Motion was made by Peeker Heffernan, seconded by Alan Huizenga and carried to approve the permit subject to the conditions discussed.
7. The Board considered a request from Gerry Petit of Chrissy's Court for installation of a blind driveway sign on Monkton Road for this development road. He notes there is a rise in the road that makes visibility of the intersection difficult especially at the rate of speed many drivers drive at in this area. The Board agreed this merits looking into and asked that the Regional Planning Commission traffic planner be consulted to see what sign would be most appropriate (i.e. blind driveway or T intersection ahead) and where it should be located.
8. Roundtable:
 - Sharon Compagna described a tree on the park that may need to be relocated or removed to accommodate the new playground plans and this will be further looked into and bought back for the Board's consideration.
 - Bill Bryant asked for input for permit approvals for Bristol Co-Housing for water connection and driveway access to Mountain View. There was discussion and the drafts presented were determined ready to issue.
 - There was discussion about a letter to the editor in the Addison Independent and post on Front Porch Forum by Peter Nelson concerning his family's property on West Street as it relates to their plans for a residential development, access for the Town to its Stony Hill property and for possible location of a new fire facility. The consensus of the Board was to

- not respond publicly but rather to convey to Mr. Nelson that the Town is open to continuing a dialog with him on all of these matters.
- There was discussion about correspondence from an attorney for Kevin Irish about driveway drainage concerns he has. The Board approved Bill meeting with the town's attorney to respond.
9. Motion was made by Alan Huizenga, seconded by Brian Fox and carried to meet in executive session to discuss one personnel matter involving the appointment, employment or evaluation of public officers or employees. The Board met in executive session from 7:40 to 7:50 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Bryant, Town Administrator