

Selectboard Member's present: Chair Brian Fox, Joel Bouvier, John "Peeker" Heffernan, Sharon Compagna and Michelle Perlee. Also present was Town Administrator Therese Kirby, Town Clerk Jen Myers, Joanna Etka filming for NEAT TV, Tonya Lawyer, David Lawyer, Police Chief Kevin Gibbs, Mike Broughton, Lewis Barnes, Jenny Livingston, Kevin Butler, Bob Welch, David Livingston, Wendy Livingston, Larry Marcelle, Scott Emmell, Dan Emmell and Sergeant George Crowe.

1. At 7:00 pm Selectboard Chair Brian Fox called the meeting to order.
2. Brian opened discussion regarding the change in speed limit on Hardscrabble Road in front of the Red Cedar School. Lewis Barnes would like to see a caution sign for the curve suggesting the speed limit be 25 mph for both directions and returning the speed limit back to 35 mph after Hemlock Drive. A flashing yellow light in front of the school could be used during specific hours or for events. Tonya Lawyer said if you drive that road or know that road you know the curve is there. She asked if title 23 stated how far the zone needed to be. Dave Livingston said it seems very slow, and the speed limit in the village is 30 which is faster than that zone. Dave said today's vehicles handle safer if the Board is concerned about the sharp curve. Peeker Heffernan clarified the Board is waiting to get a traffic study done to change the speed limit in the village to 25 mph. Mike Broughton said those that don't know the curve is there can see the signs to slow down. He is concerned with the school zone, and would like to see flashing lights by the school for when school is in session to reduce the speed limit. David Lawyer said he has seen more enforcement at the curve versus the school zone. Kevin Butler lives right on the corner and said he sees more cars coming from Lower Hardscrabble that don't stop at the stop sign versus cars speeding around the sharp curve. He asked how many accidents happened on the curve. Therese said from 2008-2013 there was one documented accident based on the traffic study completed. Chief Kevin Gibbs said the Red Cedar School wanted this ordinance. The Chief also said when the elementary school wanted to change the street to one way the agreement was the Town would write the ordinance and the school would purchase the light. Tonya asked if the study included going up around the curve. Kevin said it didn't, but when they were writing the ordinance he and Brian Fox didn't think it made sense to increase the speed going into the curve. Kevin reviewed enforcement on Hardscrabble Road since the ordinance went into effect, and there have been 3 traffic warnings issued by the Bristol Police Department, and 2 tickets issued by Vermont State Police. Kevin said currently the Bristol Police Department is targeting the area to warn and educate local drivers on the change in the speed limit before giving them tickets. Sharon Compagna thanked the residents for coming to discuss this; there was a lot of thought that went into this ordinance. She also reminded residents this was also publicized, which would have given them time to review and comment on the ordinance. Lewis commented the title said it was a school zone which wouldn't necessarily have triggered residents to be concerned with this. Brian said the traffic study covers the stretch of road in front of Red Cedar School totaling .03 miles. Michelle asked how the flashing lights would work. Brian said the flashing lights would reduce the speed limit while it is flashing; when the lights weren't flashing the speed limit would be 35 mph. Brian suggested reverting back to the old ordinance to see what Red Cedar School is willing to pay to get lights and re-establish the ordinance. Therese said Red Cedar was in here once to discuss signage. Kevin said if you change the ordinance to match the study, the flashing lights wouldn't mean you have to change the ordinance again once they were in place. Joel Bouvier moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the traffic study; 800' west of Monkton Road to 100' west of Hemlock Drive, about 0.3 miles, when school is in session. Sharon Compagna seconded, so voted. The Selectboard thanked Hardscrabble residents for their time.

3. Police Chief Kevin Gibbs joined the Board. He handed out information collected by Sergeant Crowe and Therese to look at salary adjustments; this will be discussed on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Therese explained the components that made up the information that has been collected. Kevin discussed the skateboard ordinance. A meeting with concerned citizens was held and adjustments were made. He asked the Board to review the ordinance before their November 2, 2015. Kevin Corkins is working with the elementary school regarding their concerns in front of the school and down Spring Street. Kevin and Josh attended ALICE training at Mt. Abe; this deals with intruders in a school or business setting. They have been asked by the school to do a 3 hour training (the time is yet to be decided) and in January they are planning to do an internet safety training to be offered to the public. The Board thanked Kevin for his time.

4. Eric Forand joined the Board to discuss a grant request for the Fire Department to purchase software in the amount of \$1800. He explained the advantages of the software. He said once the laptops are purchased with the grant money there is no guarantee they will be able to be purchased with grant money again, so is asking they be part of the technology fund rotation for future budgeting. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize the application of the grant to FM Global for software and equipment up to \$1800 with no matching funds. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.

Eric discussed Vermont Alert and the advantages of Vermont Alert. As an individual you can use their website and sign up for specific alerts and how you want to be notified (ie: text, email etc.). We could do an informational push to notify residents this is available. The Town may also take advantage of the Town alerts that would reach all individuals who have signed up for it. As an example, if there was ever the need for a boil water notification or road closure. Joel Bouvier moved to authorize Brian Fox to sign the agreement with Vermont Alert. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

Eric met with a small group of residents including Dave from Efficiency Vermont regarding a charging station for electric vehicles. Eric told them the park was not a usable space. They need 3 phase power which stops in front of the Post Office. The group is looking into a possible location of Howden Hall. The rest of the municipally owned property is very limited on space and power capabilities.

5. The Board discussed the need for two ACSWMD members. Therese said the interested parties are Joel Bouvier and Sally Burrell. Sharon Compagna moved to appoint Joel Bouvier as the Supervisor until April 2016 and Sally Burrell as the alternate (if she is willing) until April 2016. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted (Bouvier abstained).

6. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize the grant submission of \$750 by the Hub to Bristol Friends of the Arts to repaint some murals with no matching funds required. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

7. Sharon Compagna moved to approve the recommendation of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee to Loan up to \$70,000 to Vermont Honey Lights via a 10 year note at 4% interest to balloon at 5 years with a personal guarantee from each owner, authorizing Therese Kirby to sign closing documents. Peeker Heffernan seconded, motion passed 4-1 (Bouvier opposed).

8. The Board discussed updates on the new Fire Facility. Therese said they are planning to break ground on Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>. The official ground breaking will be October 28, 2015 at 9:30 am. The Town will have to provide access to water while the construction is being done. Stoney Hill Development will provide the frost free hydrant. The bids were approximately \$40,000 under budget which allowed the Town to purchase radiant heat. Tom Barden suggested Therese have the ability to approve change orders up to \$10,000. Sharon Compagna moved to authorize Therese Kirby to approve

change orders up to \$10,000 in conjunction with Tom Barden and Stoney Hill Development, LLC. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted.

9. The Board signed an Accounts Payable Warrant in the amount of \$468,704.62.

10. Sharon Compagna moved to accept the minutes of October 5, 2015 as printed. Joel Bouvier seconded, so voted.

11. Town Clerk Roundtable: Jen Myers discussed the Vermont Auditor's Office Financial Management Questionnaire that she completed. The Board discussed the questionnaire and its purpose.

12. Selectboard Roundtable: Joel asked about bank stabilization on Pumphouse Road. Peeker said they have reached out to Jim Lathrop and he was gone to provide the material and the Town the equipment, but they haven't responded. They have since relocated. Peeker noted the work was not mandated by the State, but an agreement/discussion Peeker, Jim Lathrop and Bill Bryant had. Joel asked about the storm drain near Larry Gile's house. Therese said the drain near the base of Slim Picken's driveway is being cleaned and flushed this week. Therese will ask the Road Foreman to inspect the drain at the base of Peter Cassel's. Peter had been asked to install a perimeter drain and attach to our storm drain, but he has not done so. The Board agreed to change to 6 pm meetings beginning November 2, 2015. Brian suggested meeting one Saturday in January to compose the budget for the year versus meeting every Monday in January. The Board agreed to find one Saturday in January to work on the budget.

13. Town Administrator's Report: Therese said the Hub is looking to hire another sub, Cara Whitten, pending a background check. Sharon Compagna moved to hire Cara Whitten pending a background check at \$10/hour as a sub for the Hub. Michelle Perlee seconded, so voted. Therese said someone stole the water tank from Greenwood Cemetery. Lance Perlee will flush hydrants this month. The Board asked when. Therese said she will check with Lance. On Friday Acker Excavating dug on West Street to try to fix a leak. They found it was Martin's Hardware service line. Martin and Kathleen were willing to repair the leak and worked with Acker Excavating to do it. Joel said the blow off pipe at Randy Sargent's was on. Therese said she and Brian spoke with Lance who said it is open but not completely open. He said it ranted this summer because the shut off was not seated correctly. Therese, Alan Huizenga and Jamie Simpson of Green Mountain Engineering met with USDA's Jim Plouff regarding possible financing for the West Street water line replacement and extension to Lover's Lane. The USDA said we aren't eligible for a 75% forgiveness as we have no health risk. Therese said the USDA will give preliminary numbers on grant versus loan rates, but won't give the exact loan information until we complete a full application. Therese will work with Green Mountain Engineering to see if the USDA or Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund is the better deal for us to finance the project with. Therese said there has been vandalism on the access road under the new 116 bridge; the Saunders would like put a gate up. Peeker said they could block off the access with a gate, but would have to check where the location of the gate could be with the State as they have purchased some land around the bridge. Therese will speak with the Saunders.

Joel moved to adjourn at 8:56. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Myers  
Town Clerk