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SELECTBOARD MEETING

August 20, 2012

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE – JEFFERSONVILLE

Approval of August 6th minutes

6:30 Board of Civil Authority - grievances

7:00 State Police

7:00 Bill Morey – Road update

7:30 Laird MacDowell – Bike Path

To Do Any Other Business

**Jane N. Porter
Town Clerk**

Meeting of August 20, 2012

Meeting opened at 6:45 p.m.

Present: Dana Sweet, Chairman, David Vaughan, Larry Wyckoff – Selectboard
Board of Civil Authority: Bob Eccles, Guy Page, Monroe Brook, Jan Sander, Jane Porter

Board of Civil Authority – Grievances

Kevin Whitcavitch's appeal – Guy Page – he, Monroe and Bill Sanders had questions.

1 – inequity – they wondered why when one out of five appraisals went up and four went down,

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2 – discussion at site visit and reading documents – the view increased and site was easily accessible. Joan Nagy (Lister) said raised value according to Marshall Swift Table – already maxed out on depreciation. Joan N said it was not the site, but the improvements Guy and Munroe thought these were good reasons. The committee wants to leave the appraisal the same. Motion to take the recommendation of the listers, appeal denied.

Six Condos – Jan Sander

Riverside 38 – 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, end unit. Nice average condo – agree with the listers – Jane Porter made the motion to accept the decision of the listers. Motion seconded – so voted.

Riverside 48 -- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, Nice average condo – agree with the listers – Jane Porter made the motion to accept the decision of the listers. Motion seconded – so voted.

Liftside 45 – 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace. Nice average condo – agree with the listers – Motion was made and seconded – so voted.

Liftside 29, Villmarksauna 1, Villmarksauna 15 – were not able to be viewed – motion was made and seconded to agree with the listers. Motion so voted.

Motion to adjourn the Board of Civil Authority at 7:05 – so carried.

Selectboard meeting:

Dana Sweet, Chair made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 6, 2012, meeting. So voted. Minutes would be put on the Web site.

Corporal Robillard, Vermont State Police, was in reporting on incidences in the Town. Larry Wyckoff asked if he could be more visible in the Jeff Heights area as there had been reports of speeding on the hill. He said he would.

Also, if the police could check the streets near Hanley's and school after school starts as people are going faster trying to get to school quickly.

Bill Morey reported a lot of cars are speeding on the North Cambridge road and taking the shortcut to bypass the bad road on 108N.

Lady feeding cats in Cambridge – This has also led to wild animals feeding. The State police would talk to a game warden about this situation.

Larry Wyckoff also spoke about the problem at Chris Mesick's. His pit bull had recently had puppies. Dogs were getting out.

David Vaughan said the Board was happy with the State police coverage. Bill Morey – Road Foreman: Dana Sweet asked when Pike would be paving. Bill said end of the week. Bill wants white lines on the Hog Back Road. Cost about \$2,000.

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River Road is done except for guard rails, so is still closed. He looked into 3/8" stone, Charbonneau's would be \$11/load for mix with road salt and sand.

Change culvert on Fisher road this week. To finish ditching on Westman Road.

To do ditching on Rushford Road, Quinn Road, and Business Park.

Need to change culvert in front of Jack Corse's. Go to North Cambridge and ditch. Dana said Dump Road is rough.

Advertising for positions – one full-time and one part-time position for the highway crew to be in the Transcript for two weeks.

Dana asked where fire trucks are going – Bill said three bays and possibly the cold storage.

Larry Wyckoff hopes they are only there until November 1st.

Bill talked to Jim Cota about a plan on the Lower Valley Road when the State closes Route 15 during an emergency. He wants to meet with the State Police about having a policy in place.

Laird MacDowell was in to discuss the bike path. Lamoille Valley Rail Trail going through Act 250. Rare plants have to be transplanted.

93 miles long – 3 sections --
Greenway to Morrisville
Swanton to Sheldon
Danville to St. Johnsbury.

There are concerns with the snowmobiles.

Cambridge Greenway Path – Laird and Zeke Zucker have been maintaining it for 15 years. Path under water at least three times last year. Cambridge Junction to Tatro's is in great shape. The field is the problem – have lost a lot of gravel. Alan Audette has been good.

Wants to use gravel from the pit. Larry W had concerns that the gravel pit was a limited resource. The trucking is the cost not the material itself. He would like a few loads. Dana asked how many tandem loads? They had lost 150' of river bank behind Aubuchon's. Had to move the path 30'. 600' of rip rap would cost \$70,000.

Dana asked about the rest of the path. Laird said Jake McGovern is donating the remaining railroad bed to the Town; wants path to extend to Williamson Road. There are issues with this. Tom Wyckoff owns an acre piece between path and Williamson Road. Tom said his house on 108 has a right-of-way across the old railroad bed and if the state decides to take it away, he wouldn't be able to access route 108. He would like to work something out that was agreeable to both...he and Laird would get together and discuss.

Kathy Pyorola has land between the railroad bed and the river. She is planning to build a house on this land. She wants access from Williamson Road across the railroad bed. Laird is trying to work with all of the landowners including Darrin MacLeod whose right of way is 4' from the railroad bed. Kathy does not want to cut the snowmobiles use of the railroad bed, we need them.

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Adam Howard, Roland Vautour, Jessica Steele were in discussing Development Review.

Jessica Steele represents Cambridge Artists and Entrepreneurs. They have some money and would like to erect “Welcome to Cambridge” signs. She is asking the blessing of the Selectboard on this. She wants the Board to see the design, need to talk to landowners. They would like to erect seven signs – Stowe and 15 west. The Selectboard is behind this idea.

Roland Vautour and Adam Howard – concerns of Development Review Board – they have concerns with the Sub-Division regulations. They are giving several waivers and feel Sub-Division Regulations need to be updated.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.