

TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE
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SELECT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE - JEFFERSONVILLE, VT

Agenda:

- Approve minutes of July 11th
- 6:30 pm Richard Williamson – Pumpkin Harbor Road
- 6:45 LCPC - Seth Jensen – FEMA Bridge, HRRR
- 7:00 Rescue Squad – Lisa Miller, Tiffany Barker-Cook
- 7:15 Recreation Board – Kevin White
- 7:30 Personnel Issue (possible executive session)
- To do any other business

Attendees: David Vaughan, Dana Sweet, Larry Wyckoff, Mark Schilling, Sally Reynolds, Seth Jensen, Richard Williamson, Paul Sciortino, Mark Blaisdell, Lisa Miller, Tiffany Barker-Cook, Kevin White, Rebecca Tisbert, Kate McCuin Clark, Eric Small, Tim Soutiere, David Jones.

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM. Motion to approve minutes of July 11th. Seconded, so voted. Road Orders signed.

Richard Williamson distributed and read a list of concerns about flooding on Pumpkin Harbor Road. Discussion covered the history of access to Bartlett Hill, the 2013 review of flood hazard regulations, and the review of potential solutions presented by the UVM study committee on April 4, 2016. Paul Sciortino asked about contingency plans for flooding. Dana Sweet explained that the town is waiting for the results of the current Seymour River assessment study. The results of a similar study for the Brewster River gave the town leverage to affect flood control measures. Mark Blaisdell asked about the timeframe for the study. The results of the current study are 2-3 years away. Paul asked if raising the surface level of Pumpkin Harbor Road was still the preferred solution and the board agreed that it was. Richard and Paul requested a roundtable discussion of police, fire and emergency services to develop a contingency plan. The board referred them to Doug Babcock, Emergency Management Coordinator, to schedule a meeting. Richard noted that the 2011 flooding did not result in stranded residents; can pressure be put upon legislators or other officials? Larry Wyckoff responded yes, after the results of the study are received.

Lisa Miller and Tiffany Barker-Cook updated the board on the new officers at the Cambridge Rescue Squad. Lisa is the new chief and Tiffany is the Treasurer. The squad is stable with another local member and a new cadet. They could use more members but lost only one member in total due to a full-time job. Dana asked about a couple of recent calls which had to be “toned out” to other squads.

Lisa replied that Sunday nights are still an issue but scheduling otherwise looks good. Other squads are sharing cross-coverage and experiencing similar staffing issues. Other discussion involved finances (stable), state restrictions on local training, and equipment for the new ambulance. The board thanked Lisa and Tiffany for the positive news.

Seth Jensen confirmed that the hazard mitigation grant for the Brewster River at Route 15 has been approved and the Greenway (railroad) bridge replacement project will commence. The board voted to sign documents authorizing LCPC to proceed with the project on behalf of the town. Larry indicated his preference to remove the old bridge after snowmobile season ends on April 15, 2017. The board also voted to sign a participation form for the 2016 Systemic Local Road Safety Program (SLRS) which helps to implement low-cost safety improvements targeted at reducing major crashes. Six areas in the town are identified. Seth also addressed a request to the select board to study traffic speeds at the RT15/RT104 intersection and hill. Seth will forward a draft letter to VTrans and the board will revise, approve and submit.

Kevin White reported that the Recreation Board has had a quiet season, with some backstop repairs and raking of infields by volunteers. The soccer club wants to fertilize and aerate fields. The group wants to designate the 1st Thursday of every month for the Rec board to meet. Sean Keefe and Don Lange were unable to attend this meeting. Fred Wadlington notified the Clerk's office that he was retiring from the Rec Board. The Select Board thanked him for his service. Larry wants Don Lange to stay active to represent seniors for recreation. Eric Small said that the Rec board has not met this year except at select board meetings. Kate McCuin-Clark has reached out to Healthy Lamoille for other revenue, and will approach the Rotary and Chamber of Commerce. Larry reintroduced the Recreation shed proposal, which was previously funded but developed no solid plan. Discussion involved the location, uses, and layout. Kevin has the original plans. Larry said that the budget committee could review a new proposal. Eric asked about financing of the soccer program, citing high participant costs. Kevin said that CYS has only requested funds for striping paint and cycling out nets. Tim Soutiere was introduced as a potential member. Larry moved to accept. The Rec board still needs a seventh member but more are welcome. Tim's membership was seconded and approved. The next meeting of the Recreation Board is scheduled for August 11th, 7PM at Eric's request.

David Vaughan asked David Jones about a dispute between two residents involving dogs. Jones stated that this was a long-time conflict between neighbors. Vaughan said that one side complained about a biased action. Jones stated that both sides were warned and ticketed about the violations and that "I treated them equal". Vaughan urged impartiality, and to have non-animal disputes directed to the select board. Jones stated that a new issue in town may be chickens, and that he may not run for First Constable next year after 30 years of service.

Other Business: The Clerk/Treasurer recommended tax rates for 2016. A letter was drafted to explain the current Tax Policy of the town, and to explain a new line item tax covering voter-approved property tax adjustments for disabled veterans and a non-profit charitable organization. The board approved the 2016 tax rates and the letter. The board chair signed a cemetery deed on behalf of the absent Agent to Convey Real Estate.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, so voted.

Mark Schilling
Town Clerk

Citizens Group Pumpkin Harbor Floodi...

Yahoo

Jul 25, 2016 4:45:53 PM

Subject: Citizens Group Pumpkin Harbor Flooding 2015

Date: Jul 25, 2016 4:18:48 PM

From: Richard Williamson

To: SUZANNE

CONSERNS (FLOODING PUMPKIN HARBOR ROAD)
EMERGENCY PLAN ## how do the following response /
1) RESCUE SQUAD
2) FIRE
3) POLICE
4) TOWN EQUIPMENT
5) POWER COMPANY
6) SCHOOL BUSES

HOW DO STAFF AT SCHOOL GET TO WORK ?

DOUG BABCOCK IS OUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSON

WILL THE SELECT BOARD AGREE TO HAVE HIM MET WITH THE RESIDENTS OF BARTLETT HILL TO GO OVER THE TOWNS WAY TO HANDLE A EMERGENCY?

IF THIS ISSUE IS GOING TO TAKE 2 - 5 YEARS I THINK THERE SHOULD BE A CONTINGENCE PLAN IN PLACE IN CASE WE HAVE ANOTHER FLOODING !

THE RESIDENTS ON BARTLETT HILL WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE STEPS THE TOWN IS TAKING TO GET US FROM PUMPKIN HARBOR ROAD UP BARTLETT HILL ROAD DURNING A FLOOD.

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