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SELECT BOARD MEETING **Monday, November 21, 2016** **TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE - JEFFERSONVILLE, VT**

Agenda:

Approve minutes of November 7th

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| 6:30 pm | Board of Abatement | - | McCawley 2015 Tax changes |
| 6:50 | John Hayden | - | Conservation Commission member recommendation |
| 7:00 | Fonda Ripley | - | CEDAC recommendations |
| 7:10 | Sam Carlson | - | Green Lantern Group (Solar) |
| 7:40 | Brad Holden | - | Sidewalk and Cemetery Surveys |

To do any other business

Attendees: Dana Sweet, Larry Wyckoff, Mark Schilling, Sally Reynolds, Muriel McCuin, Munro Brook, Ron Elliott, John Hayden, Jake Bailey, Fonda Ripley, Sam Carlson, Brad Holden, Richard Williamson, Justin Marsh.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

John Hayden introduced Jake Bailey, a Cambridge resident who is a chemist with a degree in Biology. After a brief discussion and a recommendation from Ron Elliott, the select board moved to appoint Jake to the Conservation Commission and accept the resignation of Don Lange. The board heard an update from Justin Marsh on CCC efforts concerning the Emerald Ash Borer, Knotweed mitigation and Orange-Up Day.

The Board of Abatement met to discuss a change in square footage for the property of David and Judy McCawley, which affected their 2015 taxes. After a description of the situation and the assessment change proposed by the Listers Office, Larry Wyckoff moved that appraiser Ted Nelson review the proposal, and report back to the BOA. Seconded, so moved.

Fonda Ripley reviewed a list of recommendations from CEDAC (attached). Item 1: Concerning the marketing of the Industrial Park property, Larry stated that marketing of the property may not be cost-effective due to Act 250 permit renewal issues. Tom Wawrzaniak of Vermont Land Design should be consulted to see if renewal is feasible with tighter regulations. Item 2:- Crossing Option

#1 under Route 15 bridge at Lamoille River is the most feasible due to financial constraints and two flood mitigation projects scheduled for Summer 2017. Item 3: Has been addressed by the appointment of a formal Rail Trail committee. Item 4: Larry said it could be a tough sell in 2017 due to condo/timeshare reassessment and possible loss of tax revenue. There was a discussion of whether LCPC could host and/or share a position with other towns.

Sam Carlson addressed the Select Board, building on previous conversations in April 2015 about solar installations on town property. With new solar siting rules and concerns, the town gravel pit and landfill have become more valuable locations. Siting on disturbed sites generates additional energy credits, while rates in general are expected to decrease. Carlson focused on the gravel pit, as permitting on landfills is environmentally tricky. His aim is to have discussions with the town about leasing the land, and would like to obtain an option to lease for his company. There were additional discussions about net metering, energy credits, blended rates, transmission line capacity and equipment warranties. Larry indicated that the Town would entertain a proposal to lease. In order to share the gravel pit location with the existing installation, the pit would have to be designated a solar preferred site by the Planning Commission in the Town Plan. Carlson said he would be happy to do a review of the town facilities current electrical use, and how a proposed solar installation might lower that expense. Brad Holden pointed out a potential snag with the landfill site involving an existing VELCO easement.

Brad Holden discussed his survey of Carlton Avenue / School Street loop and presented a preliminary sidewalk layout. The first draft has few impediments, involving relocation of one power pole and some fencing which may intrude on the town road right-of-way. A more detailed plan will be submitted so that the town can present to adjacent landowners at a future meeting. Brad also discussed scheduling a meeting with the adjacent landowner of the North Cambridge cemetery, to formalize a perimeter survey plat for that property.

Richard Williamson addressed the Board and requested to be notified on any meetings with LCPC, state agencies, engineers, or anyone else involved with the Pumpkin Harbor Road project. He would then pass this information on to the residents of Bartlett Hill. Dana Sweet said that he would.

Motion to approve the minutes of November 7th. Seconded, so voted.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded, so voted.

Mark Schilling
Town Clerk

2016 CEDAC Recommendations to Select Board

November 2016

- I. Industrial park property: CEDAC recommends the town work with industrial real estate broker to list and advertise this property for business development.
- II. Crossing options to connect pedestrians to Greenway/LVRT: CEDAC recommends the town move forward with developing a formal crossing for the Greenway and LVRT that directs pedestrians to cross under the Route 15 Lamoille River bridge. This is a short-term solution to a formal crossing that CEDAC supports considering safety, economic development, and relative ease in establishing this location as a formal crossing in the near term.
- III. CEDAC recommends the select board appoint a group to be responsible for advising on and addressing issues, needs, and opportunities related to the Cambridge section of the LVRT and Greenway. This includes future crossing solutions, erosion on the Greenway, and extending the Greenway to Cambridge village.
- IV. CEDAC recommends the select board establish a 0.5 FTE Community & Economic Development Coordinator position to support town and village officials and committees in their functions. CEDAC expects this position would serve as liaison for town officials and committees, aiding communication, coordination and collaboration, and providing capacity for functions such as grant writing and website maintenance.