

Selectboard meeting on May 31, 2012

Board members: Dave Strong, Bram Towbin, and Alice Merrill

Guests: Dale Bartlett, Charlene Ibey, and Joanne Edwards

Clerk: Linda Wells

Dave called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

The cemetery commission came to the meeting as invited by the Selectboard to discuss the operation of the cemeteries.

Dave referred to the article printed in the Times Argus regarding the meeting today. He wrote a letter to the Editor Steve Pappas which describes inadequacies and expressed the towns dismay and requested a correction be printed.

Dale presented the completed audit through January 19, 2012 prepared by Sullivan and Powers.

The resignations of Dale Bartlett, Charlene Ibey, and Joanne Edwards were accepted by the Selectboard with regret. The board thanked them very much for their service to the town. The resignations will be effective July 1, 2012. There is one inactive cemetery commissioner because of health reasons. Her son was planning to send a letter of resignation to the town, but to date we have not received it.

There was discussion about filling the vacancies. Linda will call the VT League of Cities and Towns to get clarification on the correct process.

There was discussion about possible replacements for the vacancies. The Selectboard asked the outgoing commissioners if they will be willing to assist the town in finding replacements and also to help mentor new appointments. They agreed to do so.

The Cemetery finances will be handled by the Town Treasurer with the exception of investments that will continue to be handled by Mark Perry of a local investment firm. Joanne will turn all records over to Linda at the end of June. The commission has accounts at TD Bank and Northfield Savings and will assist Linda to transfer authority to handle these funds to manage the operating finances.

Dale described the water problem at the Plain Mont Cemetery. They have prices to drill a well and it is estimated to cost up to \$14,000.

He advised there are a combined average of 20-30 full burials and cremations per year.

Currently the only contracted work is the mowing and this is done by Sean Dion.

The cemetery commission exited the meeting.

Guest: Dee Kalea

Alice made a motion to go into executive session for a personnel matter, Bram seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Bram made a motion to exit executive session, Alice seconded the motion and the motion carried.

No action was taken.

The board requested Dee to provide documentation of the incident in which a neighbor's cow came on to her property therefore damaging the fence. She stated this has been an ongoing problem with neighbors Janet Steward and Ray Shatney and added they have taken no responsibility for the incident. Dee stated she saw the cow with 4' horns, it damaged her fence, and when she got her camera the cow was gone. She estimated the damage at \$300.

Dave will visit the site this evening after the meeting and he will contact Ray and Janet about the incident.

Linda exited the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Linda B. Wells

**5/31, 2012 4:50 pm Municipal Building  
Continuation of Special Select Board Meeting called by Chairperson David Strong**

David proposed the following resolution: The Plainfield Select Board supports improvements to US Rte 2/Main Street intersection based on 2005 Dubois & King study, Alternative 11. So moved by Alice; seconded by Bram; passed, 3-0. The Transportation Advisory Committee of the CVPRC has agreed to recommend this project be added to the VTrans Safety and Traffic Operations Program list of Priority Projects for this region.

David made a motion to send a letter to Steven Pappas, editor of the Times Argus, correcting the misinformation that appeared in the paper today about this special meeting; seconded by Bram; passed, 3-0.

At 6:20 David made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a real estate issue; seconded by Alice, passed, 3-0.

At 6:38 David made a motion to go out of executive session; seconded by Bram, passed, 3-0. No action taken.

David reported that there may be funds from CVRPC-TAC to do a study for a pedestrian walkway over the Main Street bridge, south side and cited a 1986 design from the Yellow Wood Study. He made a motion that the Select Board request that such a study be funded. Bram seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Bram informed the Board that the Recreation Committee is raising money for the Skate Park and that Positive Pie wants to be a donor. Bram will have a conversation with Positive Pie how the Town might acknowledge their donation.

Alice made a motion to end the meeting a 6:55 pm; seconded by Bram, passed, 3-0.  
Final portion of minutes recorded and submitted by Alice Merrill  
Minutes approved by the Selectboard June 11, 2012.