

APPROVED August 27, 2012

Plainfield Selectboard meeting July 23, 2012

Board members: Alice Merrill, Bram Towbin

Guests: Matt Peters, Greg Light, and Patrick Martin

Clerk: Linda Wells and Recorder: Keith Swann of Channel 7

Alice opened the meeting at 7pm announcing that Dave is away and she will be acting Chair of the meeting. She opened the meeting to public comment and announcements.

Announcements: Bram received complaints regarding traffic in the village. He spoke to a couple of people and will speak to this issue. There is a lot of truck traffic at off hours going through town creating a lot of noise on Mill Street. The Constable is away right now Bram will talk to him when he gets back. It is a great concern to everyone on the board. Trucks cannot use shortcuts to Barre. He talked to AOT about possible speed bumps and we are working with George to get the radar cart working again in a couple of weeks.

Alice also has had complaints about late night and afternoon speeding. One vehicle has been identified. When George comes back we will talk to him about that.

We need a backup when he is away. Linda announced George is back. The Washington County Sheriff is the back up for the Constable. You have to call dispatch 911 you can't call the Montpelier office during the off hours.

There was an incident reported of a white man soliciting children. He was driving a white van with black curtains, he is in his late twenties early thirties, tried asking children to have pizza with him.

George will be invited to the next meeting to discuss these issues and the sheriff contract.

Bram had a call about roadside mowing. Linda advised they should be starting very soon. They are finishing another job and should be here in the next week or so.

The Cutler Library will be having a public forum to discuss how people envision the Cutler Library in the future. This will be held on August 7th with dinner from 6-630 and then a community forum from 6:30-9pm. Please RSVP by August 1st.

Guests:

Matt Peters: there are grants available for help relating to the Great Brook. He is requesting a letter of support from the town. This is an extension of the geomorphic assessment of the brook fluvial erosion hazard map. The Friends of the Winooski will front the money to start the project. There is a need for more funds, thus the grant request. CVRPC has offered to be the fiscal agent and development of the grant proposal with help from George Springston and Matt. There is no financial commitment required from the town and the work will be done completely by others not town employees. Aug 15th is the deadline.

Bram has worked with Matt and has confidence in his work previously on the Great Brook. He spoke highly of Matt and fully supports this. Bram made a motion to support writing a letter in support grant which of CVRPC, Dan Currier will be the grant fiscal

agent, and develop the fluvial map work, Alice seconded the motion and the motion passed.

There is a second grant letter of support for a grant that the Friends of the Winooski will act as the fiscal agent. They are already developing a mapping tool. This addresses a variety of stormwater issues pertaining to Class 3 and 4 roads, culverts, and stormwater mitigation issues. A letter of support is needed from the towns of Plainfield, Marshfield and Cabot. The grant is from the Ecosystem Restoration Program through the State of VT. This will enable the towns to keep a historic record of events that have happened and where damage was in the town. Bram moves to do letter of support, Alice seconded the motion and the motion passed. The letters are needed by Aug 10th. Bram will stop in to sign.

Alice announced that Sgt Major Lou Lertola was scheduled to come to the meeting and this has been postponed to the next meeting.

Will Colgan will also be here as well to discuss the Town Plan.

Town Clerk

Minutes approval will be considered at the next meeting when Dave returns.

Appointment of Auditor: The town received a letter of interest for the Auditor vacancy from Mary Etta Chase. Alice moved to appoint Mary Etta Chase until Town meeting next March, Bram seconded the motion and the motion passed.

As part of the Fowler Development Waterline project, the Davis Bacon Act forms for payroll information verification is required to be completed and then signed by the contractor and then the town. The board signed the form.

The Dog Warrant needs to be signed to be submitted to Animal Control Officer, Jo Guertin. This is a list of the dogs that are not registered and this is required by Vermont Law. It is important for people to register their dogs for safety of others. To register your dog you just need to submit a current rabies certificate.

Road Foreman

The roads have been hard to keep smooth, its been so dry. They have used a lot of chloride to keep the dust down and he is hoping for rain. The equipment is running fine. They have been using the International a lot to put water down. The cell phone is working fine and he has started to use for pictures of the road issues. The boys are working on the ditch past Breckenridge Farm and this is included in the flood repairs to be reimbursed by FEMA.

Mike is hoping the Country Club Road project comes together before winter. We are still waiting for bids.

Alice asked about the drop off by the bridge and wondered if Mike had any ideas to make it safer. Had talked about setting a block there but not sure it would hold the block.

Dubois and King's engineer said he would be happy to look at any ideas the town may have. He suggested light weight things to be put there.

Alice gave to Gary today a notice that there is grant funds for developments and improvements to park 'n rides. Some of the things we can do is grading and gravel

asphalt surface, line painting, lighting, and/or drainage work. The deadline is prior to August 31st. Linda is to pull the original park 'n ride file for detailed information.

Bram: There have been two new appointments to the Cemetery Commission. Jim Jamele and David Montgomery. First order of business is to sort out piping problems for water to the Plain Mont Cemetery. There is a positive step and things seem to be going well. Anyone interested in serving on the commission should call Linda Wells at the clerks office.

Bram talked to Loona of the Cutler Library about storing DVD's of the Selectboard minutes and she said they could do that. Keith can provide a copy for storage at the library. Keith is to arrange this with Loona of the library. The board should set up a retention policy for these DVD's. Keith stated a life span for a DVD is ten years. The information would need to be backed up again on the newest technology at that time to keep a permanent record.

Keith explained the live streaming of the SB meetings. There is a \$25 fee per meeting to live stream the meetings. The meetings would be streaming two days after the meeting. We could put a link on the town website possibly. The board will discuss what the needs of the town are at a future meeting.

Goddard Act 250 Hearing has been changed again to be held August 7, 2012 at 8:30am at the Haybarn Theater. There is a site visit prior to the meeting.

Greg Light came to talk about a Fire Dept Memorial for the 100th anniversary of the Plainfield Fire Department. People spend hundreds of hours volunteering for the community. They are tentatively planning to have the celebration on Old Home Days in September 2013 and want the memorial in place for the event. They are in the early stages of planning the memorial. Greg had a picture of the early stage plans for a granite memorial. Greg and Andy Hebert both experienced with granite work are volunteering to help create the memorial. At the top will be the town mutual aid number that is 15. They are looking for the Selectboard to give their blessing on.

There was discussion about memorials and having a town policy written. Memorials on town owned land needs to be addressed. Dave Strong had written language for a policy. The board will need to work on such a policy and get something in place. This process will not delay the Fire Dept proposal.

The board fully supports this memorial and the fire department plans.

Chief Martin entered the meeting. If they need a permit they will get all the requirements in place. The other issue is the Coop sign that currently sits on the town property right next to where the fire department proposes to have their memorial. The memorial proposed is to be 5' high and set on a granite base. They will work with the Coop and Zoning to be sure they are all in agreement and compliance.

The department is willing to do most of the arrangements for the Old Home Day festivities next year to coincide with the Fire Dept celebration.

This year's celebration will include the Fire Dept chicken barbecue and a parade. Bram will book the sheriff for this year's Old Home Days.

Other Business**Red Store**

Bram stated there has been a lot of discussion about the purchase of the Red Store by owners that purchased Tim's. I have been told the property is up for sale with a restriction that the store cannot be used as a gas station or food store. There is a lot of anger about this. It is not in the Selectboard's authority at this time to be able to take any action to change this.

The board signed the payable warrants.

Mail

The board received a letter from Nicko Rubin who has been able to get a business sign on the Route 2 to advertise his business. A representative from the state suggested he look into adding a sign in the village directing people to East Hill. He is requesting to put a small sign on the Stop sign in the village showing direction to East Hill. He would pay for the sign. The board will discuss this at the next meeting.

Alice moved to adjourn at 8:25pm, Bram seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda B. Wells
Clerk/Treasurer