

Minutes
Town of Vermont Board Meeting
May 14, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – 4017 County Road JJ

Call to Order and Certification of Notice Posting

Called to order by Karen Carlock at 7:00 p.m. Agenda was posted on the town website, the door of Town Hall, emailed to the online subscribers and a meeting notice was published in the Mount Horeb Mail and the Star News.

Present: Karen Carlock (Chair), Scott Moe, Doug Meier, Chris Christian (Clerk)

Absent: John Hallick, Todd Culliton and Jenna Schmidt (Treasurer)

Approval of Agenda

Scott moved to approve the agenda, Doug seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

Karen moved to approve the minutes, Scott seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Chairman's Report and Acknowledgments

Karen indicated that we have been officially requested to be fence viewers so that process will begin.

Citizens' Input

Barbara Borns, from Board of Directors of Black Earth Creek Watershed Organization, indicated that an invasive species, the New Zealand Mudsail, has been found in local water. She asked for support in spreading the word about importance of cleaning shoes and equipment.

Treasurer's Report

Karen presented the report Jenna prepared. Total savings deposits for the month of April were \$3,088.67 with interest accrued in the amount of \$249.14. Total account balance as of April 30, 2018 was \$542,236.64. Doug moved to approve the treasurer's report, Scott seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Clerk's Report

Chris reported three new Vermont residents in April. Chris and Sharon Gaskill attended election training in Verona where they learned about new voting equipment that will eventually need to replace the Automark. Scott moved to approve the clerk's report, Doug seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Payment of the Bills

Doug moved to approve payment of the bills, Scott seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Vermont Citizens ATC Committee Update

Michael McDermott talked about the role of registered public intervenors, who are allowed to report objections on various grounds in a more formal manner rather than just making public comment. Currently IMEPC is going to be more of an information exchange forum than taking formal positions in its own name. If that changes, Michael will report back.

Patrolman, Black Earth Fire District and District 1 EMS Reports

Jack was not present, he had to return to the doctor for previous injury. Mowing and tree trimming, etc. have all been done on schedule. Jack did mention to Chris that rodent control is needed at town hall.

Doug reported that BEFD had a meeting which involved nothing out of the ordinary. He also reported a meeting to discuss merger of BEFD and Mazomanie Fire Department with board members and consultants. There has been no official analysis yet on potential cost savings, but the merger looks promising.

Scott reported on special meeting of District 1 EMS to discuss switching to a Dodge gas rather than the Ford diesel, as gas is currently less expensive to operate. They will order the 2019 and it should arrive in about a year.

Cress Spring Liquor License Report

Karen moved to approve the liquor license and operators' license applications for Cress Spring Bakery, Doug seconded, and motion approved 3-0.

Tyrol Basin Liquor License Application

Karen moved to approve liquor license and operators' license applications contingent on completion of paperwork, final sale of Tyrol Basin, and receipt of check from Nathan. Scott seconded and motion approved 4-0. Nathan reported difficulty with obtaining financing as banks do not view ski hills in a favorable light. Scott seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Driveway, Homesite and Zoning Change Petition for 4752 Old Indian Trail

Eric Grover appeared, representing owners of property who are currently living out of the country. He provided affidavit signed by the owners proving that he is acting on their behalf. Scott made a motion to approve the driveway, homesite and zoning change petition for 4752 Old Indian Trail, contingent upon receipt of the driveway easement agreement, Doug seconded motion approved 3-0.

Chip Sealing Broderick Road

We are scheduled to chip seal Broderick Road, but the turn-around is cluttered with things that would make that difficult. We will contact the property owner and hopefully resolve the issue. Doug recommended that we have a backup road of similar length in mind.

Planning for Town Hall AC/Heat

We are not in immediate need but our AC/Heat unit is reaching the end of its useful life. We received bids for the furnace for \$2,381 and AC for \$3,484. Scott recommended that we get a second bid, which Chris will do.

Mt. Horeb Fire Board Appointment

John Coffin volunteered for fire board appointment as a result of John Hallick's idea to send a direct mailing to all Vermont residents who are served by MHFD. Scott recommended that John communicate with Todd Culliton to help in the transition. Karen made a motion to appoint John Coffin to the Mt. Horeb Fire Board, Doug seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Plan Commission Appointment

Karen and Doug drafted a questionnaire and received responses from a couple of people. Karen moved to appoint Judy Robb to Plan Commission, Scott seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Town Referendum for Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer

We printed an article in Vermont's Voice and talked about it at the annual meeting, which was well-attended. Doug made a motion to pass Ordinance Chapter 21 which would send the question of appointed clerk and appointed treasurer positions to a referendum vote, Scott seconded and motion approved 3-0.

Town Resolution related to Money in Politics

We discussed this at the annual town meeting and citizens voiced support for putting this on the November ballot. Warren Gaskill presented a more neutral, edited version. Karen indicated that she feels more comfortable having something go to ballot than having the Board make a decision on it. Doug expressed a similar decision put to the Board several years ago, but it was a resolution for the Board to decide on rather than put on the ballot. They decided against having the Board vote on it because they thought it was not under the purview of the town, and it may open a can of worms. Scott and Karen expressed that this is applicable to local politics and if we make a note in minutes, they had no problem putting it to the ballot. Doug expressed concern about what would be accomplished by putting it on the ballot. Scott made a motion to put the reworded resolution related to money in politics on the November ballot, Karen seconded and motion approved 3-0. Doug wanted to make a note that we decided to go ahead with this because it is centered politically, not right or left, and is not an invitation

for additional random resolutions. Scott stressed the impact on the town rather than on any particular group or individual. Karen clarified that we feel putting this resolution on the ballot does have a direct impact on our township, and future proposed resolutions will be debated on a case by case basis.

Agenda Items for June Meeting

Budget Amendment for Crack Filling

Pest Control

Turn-around Broderick Road

Tyrol Basin

Fence Viewing

Annual Town Picnic

Adjournment

Scott moved to adjourn, Doug seconded and motion approved 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.