

**2013 07-15**

**Town of Windham**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Regular Meeting, July 15, 2013**

**Present: Mary Boyer Chair**

**Margaret Dwyer Selectman**

**Frank Seawright Selectman**

**Alison Trowbridge Clerk**

**Called to order at 6:30 by Mary Boyer.**

**Windham Town Plan Update:** John Bennett from the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) informed the Select Board by telephone that the new Town Plan (still being worked on) will have slightly different boundaries for the Forest District comprising the Styles Brook Forest. John Bennett will continue to assist the Planning Commission with the development of the new Town Plan by editing and reviewing the final draft. He also informed the Board that the State now requires a new category, economic development, in town plans.

**Watkins/Bigwood Lawsuit:** Connie Pell, the Town's attorney for this suit, submitted all materials from the Town to the Windsor Superior Court. (See attached document.) The attorney for Watkins and Bigwood, Watts, now has until September for submitting their documents.

**Update on Possible Additional Disaster Funds:** As discussed at the 7/1/13 Select Board meeting, Alison and Peter wrote a letter of interest to The Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs regarding possible funds for FEMA reimbursement shortfalls. See attached letter.

**Update on Road Sign Request for South Windham:** In response to a discussion with John Alexander of VTrans regarding David Corriveau's sign request from 7/1/13, Alison contacted Matt Mann of WRC and is awaiting a response to questions about reducing speed limits and updating the Town's traffic ordinance. The Board reviewed the VLCT Traffic Ordinance template in efforts to update the Town's Traffic Ordinance of 1994.

**New E911 Classifications:** The State has updated the 911 definitions for homes, camps, etc. Mary will contact Michael Simonds, the Town's 911 Coordinator, about updating the Town to these new classifications.

**Town-Wide Reappraisal:** The Board received from the Listers the Town Revaluation Agreement for Green Mountain Appraisals to appraise approximately 625 residential properties in Town. The Board had questions regarding the numbers of properties sold in

the last few years and the uncertainty of home value changes if windmills are built on the Meadowsend property. The Board will review the proposed agreement and Frank will look into the property transfer information.

**Planning Commission Minutes Transcribed:** The Planning Commission, in its work to rewrite the Town Plan, has recorded its meetings in oral format as opposed to written because of the demanding and highly focused attention needed at their meetings. It is recommended by VLCT to have written notes for all meetings. Mary made a **motion** for the Town to hire someone at the employee wage of \$13.50/hour to transcribe the recordings into written minutes. Margaret seconded, the Board voted all in favor and the motion carried. Alison will find someone to complete this task.

**Minutes of 7/1/13:** Mary made a **motion** to approve the minutes of 7/1/13 as presented. Frank seconded, the Board voted all in favor and the motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Frank made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Margaret seconded, the Board voted all in favor and the motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.**

For File:

Letter of Interest to VT Department of Housing and Community Development

Town Revaluation Agreement and Financial Timeline

Quality of Life Sections on Energy—suggestions for clarifying language in Air Quality and Energy

PayData Information Packet from Treasurer: letters to Rodney and Bill and other Town Employees

Court Filing for Windsor County Superior Court

Email from VLCT regarding Health System Reform Advice

Email from Heath Boyer to VT Dam Safety personnel

Payroll and Non Payroll Work Orders dated 7/15/13

Ken Grimm Zoning Permit

Minutes Approved \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk