

2014-4-7

Windham Select Board

Regular Meeting

April 7, 2014

Present: Mary Boyer Chair

Frank Seawright Selectman

Kord Scott Selectman

Peter Chamberlain Town Treasurer

Jerry Dyke Resident

Dana Shepard Windham County Sheriff's Department

Julia Hampton West River Valley Thrives Director

Andrea Livermore West River Valley Thrives Board Member

Alison Trowbridge Clerk

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Mary Boyer.

1. Treasurer's Report:

- Salt per Mile Estimate: Peter estimated the amount of salt used per mile in 2013 to be between 60 and 70 tons. According to John Alexander of Vtrans, salt use is generally consistent from year to year and doesn't fluctuate that much based on weather.

- Department Budgets: None of the department budgets are over budget as of March 31.

2.Report from Windham County Sheriff's Department:Dana Shepard, State Deputy, discussed the Sheriff's involvement in towns in Windham County. More staff has been hired by the sheriff, including a 24-hour dispatcher soon to be in place.

3.West River Valley Thrives:Julia Hampton and Andrea Livermore from West River Valley Thrives, a community coalition that works to promote healthy lifestyles and address alcohol and prescription drug abuse introduced themselves and their organization to the Board. They discussed some upcoming events they are co-sponsoring with other area organizations including a prescription drug collection on April 26 and training for Town Liquor Commissioners on Friday, May 2.

4.Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Town needs a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) to get the highest level of reimbursement from FEMA when applicable. The Town's most recent HMP was adopted in 2008. Mary showed the Board the Town HMP from 2008 and the newest one from Wardsboro, considered a model. Frank will be the Board member in charge of updating the Town's HMP and Heath will be coordinating it with emergency services. Bill Roberts is to get copies of both of these documents. In addition to having an up-to-date HMP, the Town needs to adopt the State Road and Bridge Standards in their entirety which it plans to do after checking with John Alexander of VTrans.

5.Highway Commissioner:Mary made a motion to nominate Kord to be the Town Highway Commissioner. The Board voted all in favor.

6.Meeting with John Alexander:The Board will schedule a meeting with John Alexander to come to a meeting in May or June and review the town highway budget, help with the State road grant and adopt the State Road and Bridge Standards.

7.Town Meeting Minutes:Alison handed out copies of the draft 2014 Town Meeting minutes. Mary brought up that they should be presented as two separate meetings: Town Meeting and the Town School District Meeting. Alison will work on this presentation and resubmit the minutes for approval. The minutes must be approved by the Moderator or two members of the Select Board, Board of Civil Authority.

8.Town Plan Hearing:The Planning Commission will be holding another hearing on the proposed 2014

Town Plan for several reasons. The attendance was low, possibly due to bad weather on March 12 (the night of the first hearing,) there was an error made in what was sent to other towns and a required letter outlining changes from the current Town Plan was missing, and the Planning Commission wanted to incorporate comments made about transportation. The Planning Commission meets on April 9 and will discuss their plans further at that time.

9.Meeting House Generator: The Meeting House has been designated a Red Cross Emergency Shelter and is looking to get a generator. The generator for the Town Office and the School was funded through a FEMA grant done by Heath. Mary will see if he would be willing to work on the grant application for the meeting house.

10.Windham Bylaws:The question has come up if Windham has bylaws. Alison will check into this.

11.Traffic Study for Rt. 121:Alison will talk to Matt Mann at Windham Regional Commission to see about setting up a traffic study for Rt. 121.

12.Minutes of 3/17/14:Frank made a motion to approve the Minutes of 3/17/14 as written. The board voted all in favor.

13.Wind Power Information Meetings: The Board discussed holding a series of meetings on the possible proposed wind power project on the Meadowsend property. It was decided that a committee of townspeople representing both sides of the issue should be formed to figure out the format, subjects covered, number of meetings, etc.

14.Mail/ Signatures:The Board reviewed mail, and signed pay orders.

15.Heavy Weight Permits:The Board reviewed Heavy Weight Permit applications from Carleton Trucking, Bazin Brothers, P & L Trucking and Plimpton Trucking. The United Natural Foods and M & M Excavating applications were set aside pending Kord checking in with John Alexander regarding establishing a consistent weight limit and how to address trucks using Windham's roads to cut through between Rts. 30 and 11.

16.Motion to Adjourn:Kord made a motionto adjourn the meeting at 9:55. The Board voted all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55.

Date Approved_____ Town Clerk
