

## Select Board Meeting

**October 8, 2018 6PM at the Bridport Town Clerk's office**

Members present: Joan Huestis (Chair), Mike Lawton, David Bronson, Matt Lawton  
(absent: Tim Howlett)

Others Present: Brent Rakowski from Otter Creek Engineering, Jon Ashley from Dubois & King, Dusty Huestis, Eric Huestis, H.Kent Wright and Darwin Pratt

Meeting was called to order at 6PM by chair Joan Huestis.

Public Comment: none

Darwin Pratt spoke about the Horseshoe pit area dedicated to his father Roscoe Pratt. He and his family would like to see something done to the area, but not necessarily just horseshoes games. Corn Hole as a game was discussed. Also it was suggested to speak with the school and see if there are any games or suggestions for items that the school children could use the area for. The fence is in poor condition and needs immediate attention.

At 6:15 the public informational session on the conceptual/preliminary plans, etc. for the Basin Harbor Road replacement culvert, project STP MM 18(6) commenced. Brent and Jon talked at great length about the process and the increased cost associated with the project. Brent from Otter Creek Engineering is the design consultant of the culvert and Jon from Dubois & King is the municipal project manager. The grant money is from Environmental Storm Water Mitigation. The grant funding process is different than grants from the State of Vermont for structures or grants from Better Roads funds. The cost has gone up for the Basin Harbor Road culvert in part due to the economy and new tariffs that are now in place. As a result of this presentation and the increased cost estimate, the Town may apply for a new grant available from Transportation Alternatives grant program that is due by October 17, 2018.

A motion was made by David Bronson, seconded by Matt Lawton to apply for \$150,000.00 from the Transportation Alternatives grant program and/or the Environmental Storm Water Mitigation grant program. Motion passed all in favor. The public informational session ended at 7:15

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by David to approve the minutes of the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. Motion passed all in favor.

Treasurer's Report was read by Joan in Irene's absence. The balance at NBM is \$153,730.39 on 10/5/18. There are orders for \$95,447.81. Taxes are coming in steadily. Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Mike to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed all in favor.

Road Report was given by Dusty Huestis. Dusty stated that the road base for Town Line Road from East Street to 22A is completed. Rick will start mowing road sides again on Tuesday. Dusty asked what to do about the cemetery fence and David said to leave it open by the Masonic Hall for access to the fuel tank at the rear of the building. Dusty also spoke about the misuse of the stump dump. People are bringing other stuff in that is not appropriate to be left in the stump dump area.

Village trees were discussed by David. He spoke with the Addison County forester. It is hard to determine if the trees are dying or not. David has talked with Craig Brown about trimming the dead branches. Dusty suggested speaking with Mike Sunderland from Cornwall about trimming the dead branches.

The special town meeting procedure was discussed by David. The SB also discussed the 30 day appeal period for someone to object to the proceedings at any town meeting. If the construction of the Basin Harbor Road replacement culvert is to be put out to bid around January, then a special town meeting is needed to ask voters to authorize more money for the project. SB also discussed changing the annual town meeting to either an evening meeting or a [Saturday](#) meeting to get more people to come. This issue was discussed at the last Annual Town Meeting where it was pointed out many people work during the day. If we needed a special town meeting anyway and if the SB wanted to, David suggested the voters could also be asked to approve such a day and time change just to try it for the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. Such special town meeting would need to be done in December or January. The SB left this matter for possible consideration at its November meeting.

Darwin Pratt stated that water is coming from the Sheldrick property and going across the Tri-Town Water District Property. Darwin also asked about the stones/rocks in the Town Right of Way by the Masonic Hall.

Executive session started at 8:06 for consideration of Town Masonic Hall, etc. properties & Sheldrick property and personnel issues

Executive session ended at 8:34

Action taken as a result of the executive session:

Motion was made by David, seconded by Mike to pay the Assistant Zoning Administrator 50% of what the Zoning Administrator gets for the permits, certificates of compliance, etc. which they work on together until December 10, 2018. For the VLCT Fall Planning Zoning Forum on October 17, 2018 in Fairlee, VT, the pay for each the Zoning Administrator and the Assistant Zoning Administrator shall be minimum wage. The Town will pay the \$60 fee to attend the forum for each and whoever drives will get mileage reimbursement. Motion passed all in favor.

David made the motion, seconded by Joan to send the proposed October 8, 2018 letter to Donald J. Sheldrick and Angelia Sheldrick, 40 Crown Point Road, Bridport, VT 05734 by certified, return receipt requested mail. Motion passed all in favor.

There are no bells or sirens owned by Bridport to ring on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWI on November 11 at 11 a.m.

Motion made by Matt Seconded by Mike to adjourn at 8:45. Motion passed all in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Huestis, acting Secretary