

**TOWN OF UNDERHILL
SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014**

Selectboard: Brad Holden, Seth Friedman and David Rogers

Town Staff: Sherri Morin, Town Clerk

Public: Ruth Miller (MMCTV), Leila Bander, Christine Toulis, Pete Czaja, Stephen & Janet Herrero, Leigh Girouard, Philip & Linda Lewellen, Irene Linde, Cliff Peterson, Jamie Eisenberg, Bill Young and Dan Close.

6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order.

6:02 p.m. Leila Bander and Christine Toulis.

Leila Bander and Christine Toulis discussed their concerns regard future flooding of Roaring Brook and the low lying areas of Meadow Lane. Leila Bander presented to the Board a letter outlining concerns of future flooding and what mitigation plans are in place for future flooding events. Brad Holden explains that working within a waterway is governed by the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR). Brian Bigelow, Town Administrator will contact Mike Weisel and Chris Brunnell, Streams Alteration Special regarding future flooding and what mitigation measures can be used with Roaring Brook. The Board encourages Leila and Christine to reach out the fire department for possible flooding drills with the neighborhood, to write a letter to Chris Brunnell at ANR encourage the Agency to look at potential flooding and to continue to attend Selectboard meetings. The Board agrees that Brian Bigelow will be the contact for the Town and Leila Bander will be the contact for the concerned neighbors.

6:17 p.m. Pete Czaja.

Pete Czaja in to discuss funding for Old Schoolhouse Task Force. Seth Friedman explains there is no funding available and that all invoices must be brought before the Board for approval. Pete Czaja presents to the Board a matching grant opportunity from the VT Trust for Historic Preservation. The grant would allow the task force to get on assessment on the condition of the historic building; the Town's cost would be \$250.

David Rogers moved to authorize making a grant application the VT Trust for Historic Preservation matched with \$250 out of the contingency fund for the assessment of the Old Schoolhouse, which is to be completed by the VT Trust for Historic Preservation. Seth Friedman seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Peter Czaja asks the Board to approve an invoice of \$160 for pictures that were purchased from Timothy Durbrow. The pictures where purchased to help publicize the need for building improvements. Seth Friedman moved to approve \$160 for pictures purchased from Timothy Durbrow for Old Schoolhouse #5. This approval comes with the

pictures being the property of the Town and must state such on the back of each photo. David Rogers seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

6:40 p.m. Old Business.

Access Permit application of Richard Villeneuve Trust (RA068T). The Board reviewed a letter from its attorney, agreeing with Brian Bigelow's assessment that the property does in fact need a permit. The Board reviews a letter the Stephen and Janet Herrero's attorney Chris Nordle. Stephen and Janet Herrero ask the Board for time at future meeting to allow a hydrologist to present information regarding water issues on the property. Board is unclear if such a presentation is appropriate since this is not a hearing and will defer the question to the town attorney; Brian Bigelow, Town Administrator to follow up on and report back to the Board. Board agrees to have Stephen and Janet Herrero on the agenda for March 13, 2014.

Certificate of Highway Mileage. Brad Holden reports that he contacted Jonathan Croft of the Agency of Transportation regarding an extension on filing the Certificate of Highway Mileage. Mr. Croft granted an extension and Brad Holden would be in next week to complete the certificate.

Town Hall Renovations. The bid of Greg Smithers Landscaping and Painting was reviewed. The contractor is willing to work with the carpenter and paint in stages. Seth Friedman moved to accept the bid of Greg Smithers Landscaping and Painting to paint the Town Hall as proposed, \$24,300 to include two finish coats of paint and to follow the contractor. David Rogers seconded and the motion passes 3-0.

Information provided by Essex Rescue to the Board regarding ambulance calls to Maple Leaf Farm was reviewed.

Town Garage Roof. Discussion on the changes to the building, heating systems, demo of insulation, and the condition of the steel once the insulation is pulled away. The cost of the project is approximately \$110,000 to \$122,500.

7:00 p.m. New Business.

David Rogers moved to accept the Land Contract for Mike and Patricia Weisel of 626 Irish Settlement Rd. Seth Friedman seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Sheri Tremblay of the MMU Nordic Ski Club, requesting a parking variance on Poker Hill Rd for March 19, 2014 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Seth Friedman moved to approve the parking variance from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. and to not block driveways. David Rogers seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

7:03 p.m. Minutes

Review of 02/13/2014 Minutes. Seth Friedman moved to approve the minutes of 02/13/2014 as amended. Correcting "converted" to GASB to being GASB compliant. David Rogers seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Review of 02/20/2014 Minutes. Seth Friedman moved to approve the minutes of 02/20/2014 as amended. Correcting the heading from Regular Meeting to Executive Session. David Rogers seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

7:05 p.m. Board agrees to suspend its regular meeting and move directly to the public hearing on Australian ballot items.

Brad Holden reads the Warning as prepared. All items are read and no discussion except Article 8, Shall the voters of the Town revisit the tax exempt status of Maple Leaf Farm? Bill Young, Executive Director of Maple Leaf Farm gives an overview of the facility, its financial status and what they believe to be their tax exemption status. Brad Holden explains that the Board felt that this question was timely in that the fire department is currently being reviewed and it's only fair to let the voters know and decide if they want to continue paying the taxes for Maple Leaf Farm. Dan Close spoke to the opiate epidemic in Vermont.

Planning Commission member Cliff Peterson gave a brief synopsis of Article 10 regarding proposed bylaw amendments.

7:55 p.m. Board continues with its regular meeting.

7:55 p.m. Warrants.

Current Warrants are reviewed and signed.

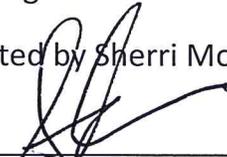
8:00 p.m. Announcements/Schedule

Next regular meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2014

8:01 p.m. Adjournment.

David Rogers moved to adjourn. Seth Friedman seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Submitted by Sherri Morin, Town Clerk



Seth Friedman

3-13-14

Date