

**TOWN OF DERBY, VERMONT  
SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**Minutes  
July 17, 2017**

**Present:** Brian Smith, Josh Provost, Beula Shattuck, Grant Spates, Perry Hunt.

**Others:** Adam Guyette, Michael Koehler, Mary Patricia Goulding, Jean Wilson, Joe Hurley, Roger Gosselin, Paul Prue, Joe Profera, Rod Lyon, Bob Kelley.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.**

Warrants #15A in the amount of \$18,436.76, and #15B in the amount of \$150,287.16 were signed.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

Brian moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 2017, with Beula seconding. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jean Wilson invited the Selectboard to come for dinner and a tour the new Coutts facility on July 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Susan Taylor – Invasive Plant Removal** – Susan canceled for tonight because she doesn't have all the figures she needs for the Board.

**Recycling Cameras** – The Board reviewed quotes from M & B Monitoring and Round Hill Fence & Security. Round Hill's quote was slightly less but M & B's quote included an extra camera and an 8 channel DVR instead of a 4 channel. Brian moved to approve the quote from M & B Monitoring for \$2,033, with Perry seconding. Unanimous.

**Tennis Court Repairs** – Quotes from 3 companies were reviewed. The scope of work varied from filling the cracks to a total rebuild of the courts. The Board felt that they need to begin planning for a total rebuild of the courts, but for now we need to fill the cracks to keep the courts safe to play on. Allie Loukes has asked the Board to purchase 2 Portable Pickleball Net systems @ \$170 each. Beula moved to approve the low bid of \$4,583 from Vermont Recreational Surfacing & Fencing and to purchase the 2 Pickleball nets for \$340 with the funds to come from the Recreation Reserve Fund, with Perry seconding. Unanimous.

**Town Forest Proceeds** – Brian moved to place \$48,388.89 from last year's logging of the Town Forest into the Recreation Reserve Fund, with Josh seconding. Unanimous.

**Memphremagog Watershed Association – Grant Letter of Support** – Mary Patricia Goulding explained the purpose of the grant. Beula moved to sign the support letter, with Brian seconding. Unanimous.

**Sign: General Journal Posting, Balance Sheet, Budget Status Report, Delinquent Tax Report** – All were reviewed and signed by the Board.

**Drift Dusters – Trail Issues** – Roger Gosselin explained issues they are having on the trail between Nelson Hill Road and Ann Wilson Road. Part of the trail is along a Town legal trail. He is asking for permission to do ditching and fixing a couple of culverts. He is also asking for the Town to sign off on the annual permission for the trail to cross town property and roads with no changes from previous years. Brian move to sign the Landowner Permission Form for the repairs as outlined (see attached photos) and for the trail to cross town property and roads with no changes from last year, seconded by Josh. Unanimous.

Roger also discussed an issue they have with crossing the Before property. Before is refusing to allow the trail across their property because they are upset with the Town over their property assessment. Roger was inquiring if there was anything the club could do to help with this issue.

Unfortunately the 2 issues are not related. Roger discussed their efforts to date to relocate the trail and there is no easy fix.

**OLD/OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Legislative Update** – None.

**Eagle Point/Johns River Project Update** – The State expects to sign the agreement with the Feds and to decide whether to allow a lump sum bid within the next month.

**Green Lantern Solar Update** – The new rules are now in place and Green Lantern is wondering if the Town is still interested. Bob reported that the Town's attorney said that 10% was a modest savings and that 15% is not unusual. The Board will see if they can negotiate a 15% savings. There is opposition to the proposed solar array and it was felt that with the Town's participation Green Lantern would have a better chance of getting approval for the project.

**Beach House** – The beach house is in need of another coat of preservative on the logs. It has been over 10 years since it was last done. Brian volunteered to find someone to get the job done.

**Abandoned Mobile Home** – There has been no progress in getting Rural Edge to remove the abandoned mobile home in their trailer park on Shattuck Hill Road. Bob was asked to contact Rural Edge to see what the problem was.

**North Point Land Erosion** – Photos were submitted of the erosion and potential environmental issues. Drums, old vehicles, and vehicle parts can be seen in the photos. The photos will be passed along to the State.

**ROAD REPORT:**

Mike Dumas has submitted his notice of retirement effective July 31, 2017. Beula moved to formally accept his letter of resignation, with Brian seconding. Unanimous.

Joe Hurley of JCB was present to explain their quote for a small wheeled excavator that was discussed at the Board's last meeting. Bottom line is it would cost the Town approx. \$48,000/year for the next 4 years and an additional \$5,000 for the extended warranty. Perry thought that the Town would save that much each year in hired equipment/labor that we currently pay for roadside mowing and ditching. Currently we budget \$18,000 for mowing and \$40,000 for hired labor & equipment. The Board would like more time to think about this. Brian moved to table this until their next meeting, with Beula seconding. Unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 31, 2017. Beula made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17, with Josh seconding. Unanimous.

Submitted by Bob Kelley

*Unofficial until approved*