

**Selectboard Meeting
October 28, 2009
7:00–8:55 p.m.**

Present: Paul Saenger, Karen Shackett, Steve Goodrich, Bob Warren, Marthe Fisher, Amy Douglas, Barb Kivlin
Guests: Ted Simmons, Paula Barnes, Carla Ochs, Peter Young, Walker James
[Orwell Selectboard members]

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

AGENDA:

Announcements: See agenda hand-out

(1) Public Concerns: Continuation of joint meeting between Shoreham and Orwell Selectboards in the matter of the closing of the Champlain Bridge. Discussion between the two boards focused on the content and intent of their joint letter to VAOT Secretary Dill regarding the above closure and its effects on the residents' safety in both towns. Ripple effects include not only pedestrian safety due to lack of sidewalks and defined pedestrian crossings, but the negative impact on the respective first response teams in each town, which bear the brunt of hardships generated by additional traffic—accidents, responder access to fire/medical calls, and so on. The additional traffic also poses safety issues and expenses regarding wear and tear on town roads. The towns requested actions to redress the grievances noted in their letter.

Shoreham Selectboard Action—Karen MOVED, Marthe SECONDED, that the Shoreham Selectboard approve and sign the *Joint Letter of Concerns* about the temporary ferry arrangements to VAOT Secretary Dill. *Motion passed*

Orwell Selectboard Action—Carla MOVED, Paula SECONDED, that the Orwell Selectboard approve and sign the *Joint Letter of Concerns* about the temporary ferry arrangements to VAOT Secretary Dill. *Motion passed*

It was noted that ACRPC had requested a copy of the letter once approved and signed by the boards.

(2) Minutes: Steve MOVED, Karen SECONDED, that the **Minutes of October 14th** be accepted. *Motion passed.*

(3) Roads: [Steve] A culvert replacement on School Street nearly done. Board has been advised that Bridport has requested that the State reclassify Lake Street in Bridport as a Class 2 road. Shoreham will be asked to do the same for the section of Lake Street between Lapham Bay and the Shoreham/Bridport line. Discussion evinced no opposition to the idea, but no action taken at this time.

(4) Buildings: [Karen] Steve contacted Spitzner Electric about the switch installation at the Firehouse for the generator—project is moving ahead.
Jeremiah has inquired about use of money in the Town Office fund to use in drawing up new plans for space usage at Newton Academy. No action taken.
The test pits at Newton Academy are done; Jeremiah has sent photos to Karen, she will bring to next meeting.

- (5) **Emergency Management:** (*Robin*) At last EMC meeting, the committee agreed to move ahead with establishment of an emergency wood pile based on donations of wood from community members, pending Selectboard approval. Details of distribution to be worked out. Selectboard approved; discussion of wood drop-off site and storage location.
- (6) **VCRD Meetings on October 29**—All arrangements, including food, have been settled. Some anticipation regarding topic derailment possibilities because of the bridge issue, but facilitators are prepared to keep things on track.
- (7) **Parking for ferry traffic**—Steve MOVED, Marthe SECONDED, that the State be requested to provide signage, marked parking spaces designated for ferry traffic, and reimbursement for costs of lighting the parking area; area designated for ferry traffic parking is located near the tennis courts. *Motion passed.*
- (8) **Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption Petition**—Shoreham has 4 eligible disabled veterans. A petition has been filed for inclusion on the town ballot, in March, for the exemption.
- (9) **Champlain By-Ways follow-up**—Adam Lougee (ACRPC) is expected to represent town's interests; no other report at this time.
- (10) **Selectboard Orders**—reviewed and signed.
- (11) **Other Business**—
 - **Torrey Island Dogs**—Warrant issued for two dogs running loose. Owner had previously been notified (in August), but dogs remain unlicensed and unconfined.
 - **Compensation for First Responders**—Robin asked to look into what can be done, what has been done by other towns, to provide relief/compensation to volunteer first responders.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Conway
Minute Taker

Signed: _____
Marthe Fisher Secretary
Town of Shoreham Selectboard