

Approved: May 22, 2006

Selectboard Meeting  
May 9, 2006  
7:05 – 10:25 p.m.

**Present:** Paul Saenger, Walt Pyle, Bob Warren, Marthe Fisher, Steve Goodrich,  
Mary Jane James, Barb Kivlin

**Guests:** Lois Curtiss, Wilson MacIntire, Joan Treadway, Jason Paquette

**Call to order:**

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Minutes approved:**

Minutes from April 24, 2006, were approved as amended. Bob MOVED and Marthe SECONDED to accept minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

**Announcements:**

Wilson announced that the repairs to the Town Clock will be done within the next couple of weeks.

**Public Concerns:**

Marthe mentioned speaking with Sue Spitzner who complained about garbage coming from Roscoe Stanley's house that is floating in the creek. Paul gave Marthe Phil Benedict's (ANR) name to give to Sue.

Barb read off public concerns:

Debbie Treadway called about one of Glenn Symon's dogs running free. Constable called. Someone inquired about electronic deposit for taxes. Barb checked with Chittenden. Kathleen Brisson asked if her mailbox, which was knocked down the by road crew, would be reinstalled. Barb to let the road crew know to put on their list of things to do.

1. Dr. Johnson called about a rabies case at Joe Hescocock's heifer barn. Paul delivered letters to most of the rural area near the farm to advise them of the situation. Should contact Raymond Mason if an animal is acting erratic. Board decided to put mention of the rabies situation in the *Addison Independent* By the Way section. Also, notice left at post office and website. Marthe MOVED to post a notice in the By the Way column of the *Addison Independent* to let know the Town know about the rabies issue. Bob SECONDED. Motion carried.
2. Lois Curtiss came in to explain about the Avian Flu pandemic that health officials are projecting. She explained hat the Town needs to prepare itself for in case this does happen. She and Joan Treadway volunteered to be the Emergency Planning Coordinators for the Town. Walt MOVED to appoint Lois Curtiss and Joan Treadway as the Emergency Planning Coordinators for Shoreham for all types of situations. Bob SECONDED. Motion carried.
3. Addison County Towns are coordinating a celebration for 2009 to celebrate Lake Champlain's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Board to review Vermont booklet.

4. Stormwater Mitigation Grant info through the Addison County Regional Planning office. Jason has identified some of the problem areas like Buttolph Road, which could cost around \$35,000, but there may be grants for this.
5. Paul reported that the State couldn't approve the changes to the Doolittle Road grant that he had suggested at an earlier meeting. However, they suggested reducing the width of the extensions and going ahead with the current project and sending in the bills for the job. Along with these bills, the Town should prepare another grant proposal for Lake Street and send it along with the invoice and they will review this as well. If there is less money spent and overlap with one grant to another, there might be a chance for this second project to get approval.
6. The Legislature recently recognized firefighter and EMS personnel. This needs to be added to the Town Report file.
7. Board reviewed and filled out Tri-Town Impact Statement. Bob MOVED to accept the questionnaire and authorize Paul Saenger to sign the Tri-Town Impact Statement on behalf of the Town. Marthe SECONDED. Motion carried.
8. John Sullivan received an estimate for the electrical service for \$3300, which would replace everything from the pole to the building from Landon Electric in Benson for the stone schoolhouse. He will go after another bid. Walt suggested Carr electric. Walt MOVED approved the electrical work on the stone house. Bob SECONDED. Motion carried. The understanding between the Board and the Historical Society is that the first \$2,000 would be paid by the Historical Society and the Town would pick up the rest.

## Roads

9. Jason Paquette reported out on the roads to Board members. He brought in an invoice from the Town of Cornwall for sand that was used by the Town of Shoreham. This needs to be replaced this fall. He and Eric have been grading the roads, servicing equipment, worked on Lake and ditched Cutting Hill Road. There are trying out different chloride application strategies to see which one holds the road the best. He explained about the recent cost negotiations for chloride for calcium and magnesium. Board would like Jason to try different roads with either of them to see which one is more effective.

Jason reviewed culvert replacement program and named the ones that need to be replaced. He suggested adding a culvert by the Barnard's place on North Orwell Road and would have the Town take care of this rather than the owner. There are 4 culverts on Quiet Valley Road to be replaced and these could be incorporated into a Better Back Roads grant for \$8600. Hemingway Hill Road has 7 culverts to be replaced and there are 2 more culverts on Lake Street. His estimate for this is around \$10,000. He priced out culverts from Giddings and Fergusons. Jason said that Stu Johnson from the Town of Cornwall is interested in sharing the cost of the excavator for a month at a cost of \$3600. Jason said he will double check that price is G. Stone. Paul suggested that perhaps part of the negotiation with G.Stone's be for 6 weeks with a vacation in between so that excavator can be shared with Cornwall. Board reviewed cost estimates for work done with Jason. Walt MOVED to approve the road foreman's plan for culvert project. Bob SECONDED. Motion carried.

Jason reviewed his overall plan with the Board. They will on ditch with the payloador etc when it is convenient. Ditching Buttolph Road is contingent upon leftover funds from other projects. Any ditching that will be done from Doolittle will be included in the grant costs. He said the next priority is roadside mowing. They want to either outsource this or

have part-time help come in to mow. Jason and Eric both feel the tractor has major mechanical problems and won't last much longer, plus it isn't big enough to handle the mower. The Town roadsides should be mowed at least twice a year and it takes two weeks just for one mowing. Paul suggested getting rental estimates from Temco for the mower and tractor or find someone else to subcontract this project.

Board wanted to know exactly what area of Richville Road was to be paved through the recent grant the Town received. The 3.7 miles would cover from Kevin Jewell's farm to Whiting line. Paul suggested getting estimates from D&F and Pike for this project and others. Some other areas that need to have pavement fixed were junction at Doolittle Road, Lapham Bay, and Watch Point. Carl Norton from Bridport asked if Shoreham was interested in top coating a 600-foot section from Torrey Lane to Bridport line. Board felt that Jason should go ahead and get a price for this and that is okay to spend money on this.

Jason and the Board both wanted to know how much money is left for gravel and what areas should be done. Per Barb's and the Board's review of the budget, there is roughly \$49,000 left to spend. Town had received George Wilcox's recent gravel price list for gravel. Since there are different measurements being used from different companies it figures to a ton and a half per yard. Barb handed out to the Board Champlain Construction's prices. Looking at using ¾" minus for topping. There have been some concerns about George's gravel especially the ¾" minus, which they all felt breaks down too fast and it isn't holding the chloride. They also felt that it is okay use it as a base product but not good for topping. Jason liked Champlain's ¾" screen road gravel which packs well. Need to check Markowski's prices for gravel - \$8.80 for 1.5" gravel. Board felt the first priority is to hire trucks to bring it out directly and add topping to Watch Point Road which still needs 2-4" of ¾" screened gravel, which will bring it closer to being done. Doolittle Road needs gravel topping too but this should be done towards the end of the summer. The culvert at the bottom on Richville Road has erosion problems and Jason suggested using ripwrap for now. He also wants to cut down large elm by Burgess Road before it falls down.

Jason asked about the status of a new town truck and the Board told him that it hasn't been discussed further. He and Eric have concerns about the Mac and what needs to be done. He asked Board to reconsider this issue within the next month.

Bob raised Phil Kivlin's concerns about Harrington Hill Road. Paul reminded Jason that there are piles of gravel, clumps, etc. need to be cleaned up. Road crew fixed Kathleen Brisson's mailbox.

10. Discussion about appointing road commissioner. Marthe reiterated the conversation she and Paul had with Susan Ritter about having an appointed road commissioner. The Town chose to appoint a road foreman instead per an earlier vote by the townspeople. Bob MOVED to appoint Steve Goodrich as the road commissioner. Marthe SECONDED. Further discussion about having two people handle this. Suggestion to have a radio or a hand-held in Steve's truck so he can report in on the road issues. Walt MOVED to amend the motion to have both Paul Saenger and Steve Goodrich appointed as joint road commissioners. Motion carried. Walt abstained.

### **Financials:**

11. Barb reported out that Newton Academy had received grant from the Preservation Services fund of the National Trust office in the amount of \$3,000 and with a balance of \$4300 coming from the Newton Academy budget.

12. Newton Academy sent out a postcard for fundraising purposes and there was a suggestion for pre-approving certain fundraising efforts up to a certain level so that these subcommittees didn't always have to get Board approval for using their fundraising dollars for their projects. Paul suggested that perhaps for all groups that don't have special elected board that they have a blanket amount for fundraising purposes. Marthe MOVED to authorize Barb to pay any fundraising expenses up to cap of \$500 per event paid with fundraising funds. Steve SECONDED. Motion carried.
13. Wilson MacIntire reported further on the tennis court project grant from the Parks and Recreation Department. He attended a hearing on the grant and the State requested a statement of support from the Town, which Wilson gave to the Board to review and sign. Walt MOVED to authorized Paul to sign the statement in perpetuity for the tennis court project for the State. Paul SECONDED. Motion carried. Wilson said they hope to hear from the State by the end of this month on this project. He asked if his committee could use town funds to pay for this until the actual guaranteed grant money comes in so that tennis court work can be done within the time frame needed for this project, which is during the good weather this summer. Board saw no reason why his committee couldn't do this if the money is guaranteed.
14. Banners can no longer be hung over Route 74 or Route 22a so George West will have to find a new home for the pancake breakfast banner. It is up to George to ask around about this.
15. The stormwater zoning bylaws for water quality control need to be extended by June of 2006. Karen, through her role in the Planning Commission, informed the Selectboard that their draft of the new Zoning Bylaws would be ready soon. Through a little research, it was learned that the Selectboard can extend interim bylaws for a year. Steve MOVED to extend the stormwater bylaws for the Shoreham Zoning Bylaws according T.24 Section 4415 (f), page 49 of the red book. Bob SECONDED. Motion carried.
16. Mark Spitzner coming in tomorrow to do the electrical installations and repairs. Steve to review list with him. He will also ask him for a cost estimate for the stone building.
17. Selectboard orders signed.

**Adjournment:**

Walt MOVED to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. SECONDED by Bob. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Karen M. Shackett  
Minute Taker

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marthe Fisher, Secretary  
Town of Shoreham Selectboard