

Approved: 9-26-05 no changes

**Selectboard Meeting
September 12, 2005
7:00 - p.m.**

Present: Walt Pyle, Heidi Lanpher, Bob Warren, Jeff Bronson, Larry Provost,
Mary Jane James, Barb Kivlin, Gudge Martin

Guests: Don Dame, Katie Forgues, Jeff Mack, John Sullivan, Linda Larrabee,

Call to order:

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

Minutes approved:

Minutes from August 22, 2005, were approved as corrected. Jeff MOVED and Larry SECONDED to accept minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Selectboard to have an executive session on September 19, 2005, at 7 p.m. to discuss the Richville Dam Road and access permits to Class IV roads.

Additions to Agenda:

1. Don Dame came into discuss access by the East Shoreham Cemetery. Board had no objections to his plan.
2. Katie Forgues and Jeff Mack came in, again, to discuss the condition of Lapham Bay Road. Governor Douglas traveled down Lapham Bay Road last week for a brief appearance at the Fishing Access and Walt asked the Governor, at that appearance, to consider more money for town roads. Nothing further can be done at this time until the next budget year.
3. Board discussed access permits on Class IV roads. Main issues were to make sure that all requirements the Town needed should be stipulated on the permits before they are signed off on. There is concern over roads meeting infrastructure needs if they were to be taken over by the Town and also creating another dead end road, neither of which the Town wants to do. Board decided to consult with the Town attorney, Benj Deppman.
4. Gudge met with Glenn Symon to finalize the grade on the proposed Tennis Courts behind the school. The grade will be 8" below the current recycling pad grade. Walt had a conflict and was unable to attend the School Board Meeting to share this information with the Board members. Members, however, heard that there is concern from the School Board about removal of the sledding hill behind the school. The Tennis Committee is working with the School on the grade between the two areas.

5. The road crew will be bringing in the excavator to remove the beaver dam near Richville Pond. They will also be road ditching done over in that area. Gudge explained that Cornwall is renting an excavator this month and Town can have it on a day-to-day basis when needed.
6. Gudge explained that while he was ditching he accidentally hit Sentinel Pine's water line and Town needs to reimburse Sentinel for this repair.
7. Gudge reported that the Town is missing 49 road signs. It was suggested that the Town stamp all of their signs so those that are stolen can be identified later and that an ordinance be created to deal with the issue.
8. Jeff and Bob will run scrap the scrap metal drop on Saturday, September 17th. Walt will come in later to help.
9. John Sullivan and Linda Larrabee came in to discuss the repairs and renovation plans for Newton Academy based on a recent structural analysis. The estimates they were given indicated that \$850,000 would completely restore the building. The number one priority is to fix the roof, which has two leaks. One of the leaks is where the south ell meets the main structure and the second is in the northeast corner. They have funds for both leaks. The second priority is that they would like the Selectboard's permission to establish a subcommittee that would be charged with the mission to see what can be done to renovate the building. Phase one of the plans calls for fixing the leaks and they have estimates for these ranging from \$25,000 to \$75,000. The Vermont State Preservation office has money for this and they were the ones who funded the Cupola restoration. The subcommittee would need to prepare a case statement as to the future uses of the building. Anne Cousins from Preservation Trust and Chris Cocoran from the Vermont State Preservation office have met with the Newton Academy Committee and helped them figure out a plan. The Town could seek grants from the Vermont Community Foundation and another to seek grants for planning the renovation, hiring an architect and fundraising consultant. This would provide the plan of action for the next phase. John raised the question about why the Town was not considering putting the Town Clerk's office in Newton Academy and he stated that there are funds to help the Town do this. Bob MOVED that the Town authorize a subcommittee of the Selectboard to further research and pursue grants for the restoration of Newton Academy. Jeff SECONDED. Motion carried. Board agreed to have Liz Fitzsimmons be the grant facilitator. John said they would check into the roof repair estimates and report out to the Board. Heidi asked about Rinnai heater that Tad Fyles of Fyles Brothers Inc. has on hold for the Town for a room in the building. Linda and John said to go ahead to put it in. Barb reminded them about the need for separate meters for each tenant. Mary Jane's main concern was if the space was big enough at Newton Academy when asked by Linda and John about how she would feel about the idea of the Town Clerk's Office being in that building. Board feels that if the Town were to consider this idea, the Town Clerk's Office would have to be the sole focus as a tenant for the building.

10. Mary Jane and Barb reported out on the status of the Town's website. They described how one of the ideas was to have a tab on the website consist of a road map. The road map could be used to indicate to Town residents when they visit the website when and where important roadwork would be done. The Board approved of this idea. Board was informed that at a recent Road Foreman's meeting that it was suggested that any work on roads was easier and safer if the roads were closed to traffic.
11. Barb handed out financial information on the Shoreham Festival. Larry indicated that the canopy rental is being turned back in as a donation. Board decided that the Glow rings would be donated to PTF with hopes that they would make a donation in return. Heidi would like to have an ad in the paper to effectively advertise the event next year. Discussion about ideas for next year and the results of this year. Board wants to have the festival next year on Saturday of Labor Day weekend in 2006.
12. Barb reminded Board that the Tractor Pullers Association needs to submit a Certificate of Insurance for their October 1st tractor pull that is to be held on the Commons. Bob MOVED that the Vermont Tractor Pullers Association has authorization to use the Commons area for Garden tractor pulls on October 1st, with a rain date of October 2nd. Jeff SECONDED. Motion carried. Discussion about where to park because Town Shed would not be open.
13. The reoccurring problem of residents from other towns using Shoreham's Recycling Center was discussed again. Board looked at how to enforce its policies and reviewed the current contract. J.R.'s Recycling and Garbage wants to put in larger containers because there is more recycling due to residents from other towns using it but the Town does not want to use larger containers at this point.
14. Board reviewed a proposed draft support letter from Wilson MacIntire for the tennis court project. This letter would enable the Tennis Committee to solicit grants for this project. Tennis Committee is seeking a grant from the State of Vermont 2005 Recreational Facility Grant Program. Jeff MOVED that Selectboard sign the letter of support for the Tennis Committee to solicit grants. Larry SECONDED. Motion carried. Board signed the letter of support.
15. Barb asked for help in filling out a form submitted by the Vermont League of Cities and Town entitled Loss Control Action Plan. The Board needs to complete this form by the end of September. Larry to help Barb with this form.
16. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns has been advised about the Atwood/Brileya/Town lawsuit over School Street Extension. They have offered to help in this matter.
17. Barb announced that tax bills have gone out and now tax revenue is coming in so there is now surplus money to put in a CD for the reserve fund under Article 12 from the February 28th Town Meeting. Heidi MOVED to put \$10,000 from the current revenue into a reserve fund CD for the Town Clerk's office. Larry SECONDED. Motion carried.

18. Selectboard Orders signed.
19. Concern that constable's new residence is no longer in Shoreham. Barb and Mary Jane are researching the issue.
20. Bob MOVED for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 9:30 p.m. Larry SECONDED. Motion carried.
21. Bob MOVED to end Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. Heidi SECONDED. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Bob MOVED to adjourn at 9:46 p.m. SECONDED by Larry. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Karen M. Shackett
Minute Taker

Signed: _____
Larry Provost, Secretary
Town of Shoreham Selectboard