**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting Monday February 1, 2021 - Via Microsoft Teams**

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**SB Meetings Convened at 5:30 PM Mon., Feb. 1, 2021 Via Microsoft Teams. SB Meeting Recessed for BCA Meeting and Reconvened at 5:45 PM**

**Selectboard Meeting**

Present at the meeting were: Joe Pollio, John Gregory, and Stan Mack.

Also present were: Justices of the Peace, BCA members: Chris Wallace, and Pamela Johnson-Spurlock

Also present: Sue Allen-Picone (Sue Allen), Al Sands, Hardy and Nancy Merrill, Charles Bonin, Kim Record Clerk/Treasurer and Bill Kearns Town Administrator. FACT8 TV

1. Call meeting to order
2. Appoint Sue Allen to fill vacancy on Selectboard until position filled by 2021 Town meeting election. Action. After a short discussion with the explanation from the Chair that the two persons running for SB in the Town Meeting election in March, when asked if either was willing to be appointed to fille the empty SB seat till the election, Suzanne Welch and Sue Allen agreed Sue Allen could be the proposed appointee. A motion was offered by Stan Mack, second John Gregory, to appoint Sue Allen to fill the vacant seat on the Selectboard until that position can be filled by the voters at the Town Meeting Election, March 2, 2021 [24 VSA 961-963]. When called the motion passe 3-0. Sue Allen joined the meeting as Selectboard member, was thanked for stepping forward and was welcomed.
3. Recess until after BCA meeting. Motion to recess until after BCA Meeting by John Gregory, second Stan Mack. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting recessed at 5:33 PM.

**BCA Meeting**

[5:33 PM to 5:44 PM]

**Selectboard Meeting (Re-convened)**

Present at the meeting were: Joe Pollio, John Gregory, Stan Mack, and Sue Allen. Cathy Siano-Goodwin joined the meeting in progress.

Also present: Chris Wallace, Al Sands, Hardy and Nancy Merrill, Charles Bonin, Wendy Martin, Galen Pinkham, Jon Schaefer, Danny Taylor Highway Foreman (joined the meeting in progress), Kim Record Clerk/Treasurer and Bill Kearns Town Administrator. FACT8 TV.

1. Reconvene Selectboard Meeting. The Chair reconvened the meeting at 5:45 PM
2. Adopt Agenda. Motion Sue Allen, second John Gregory to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0,
3. Approve Minutes: Jan 19th, 2021. Stan Mack had one typo to be corrected, and it was so corrected by Bill Kearns. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected made by Stan Mack, second John Gregory. Motion passed 4-0.
4. Warrants. Were presented to Selectboard. All 4 then current members had reviewed the warrants.
5. Highway. Danny Taylor was not yet present. Bill kearns stated the replacement plow truck should be arriving shortly. The pick-up truck that was damaged was at the shop, some delay in getting parts, and VLCT PACIF had received the “Direction to Pay” Jasmine auto repairs and was sending the check for the repairs to Jasmine.
6. Clerk/Treasurer. Kim Record reported:
   * The Town Reports for this year’s Meeting are in and copies are on the Town Hall porch for pick-up by whomever wants them.
   * Reminder – Dog license fees for new tags must be paid by April 1st or a penalty will be assessed. The fee will not be waived this year.
   * John Gregory asked if the comments on the Articles for Town Meeting were in the Town Report. Kim said no, not the place for them, but they are in the Grafton News and posted on the website.
   * The budget balance sheets through January were sent out to the SB and others. If there are questions do not hesitate to pose them to Kim Record.
7. Village Park, offer of voluntary work by Al Sands, discuss and authorize. The Chair called on Al Sands and stated that at the last meeting the SB acknowledged his offer to do volunteer work and signage in the Village Park, but the details were no solicited. He asked Al to go into detail so that the Board could take some action. Al Sands stated that he and any others that volunteered to join him in the work would sign the volunteer statements (which contain the waiver of liability and description of work) before commencing work. He proposed:
   * Maintenance of the park on an “on-going” basis, to include clearing the paths, cutting hazard trees, cleaning up after the log sale logging operation, perhaps making the skid trails paths and so on. This would be done with Volunteers. He would be communicating with the Selectboard on this work as the work went along.
   * Village Park sign at the entrance. He had discussed making the sign, but in talking with Forest and Parks personnel at the State he discovered that they no longer make the signs, but rather the Correction Industry sign shop makes the signs, and they are no longer made from wood, but synthetic materials. Al will get designs from the shop, come back to the SB with proposals on design and cost and follow the wishes of the SB. He would then from the signs with 6x6 posts and install.
   * Kiosk. Al stated that the kiosks are made from aluminum with a silk scree-type process for the images and working on the sign. He would propose that the sign contain the trails and other Park features and a digital symbol which would load a map on the persons cell phone, which then could be used to explore the park. Forest and Parks personnel from the State would help with the kiosk design. They use this process for State Parks.
   * Al Also proposed a walk that would be well prepared to allow some handicap access to the picnic table area and there was discussion about the use of VTrans grant funds for this portion of the project if available.

The chair asked if there should be a motion. Bill Kearns asked that here would be. Motion by John Gregory, second Stan Mack to authorize and approve Al sands proposal, including coming back to the Board as necessary for approvals, for the voluntary work of him and others for the ongoing maintenance of the Village Park trails and removal of hazard trees as described above and for researching and getting proposals on the sign and kiosk as described and bringing those proposals back to the Board and for building a trail from the parking area to the picnic area with further approval gotten from Selectboard, as necessary. and including this work is possible VTrans grant for alternative paths and trails. Motion passed Unanimously, as Cathy Siano-Goodwin was now present at the meeting.

1. VTrans Grant for new trails - 50/50 match discuss -Cathy Siano-Goodwin. Cathy Siano-Goodwin was called upon by the Chair to lead this discussion. Cathy stated she and other community member wished to take advantage of a VTrans alternative paths and trails grant for a trail from the Elementary School to the Grafton Ponds and from the School to the Village Page with access to the Village park Trails. She said the deadline was soon, February 19th or so and was not sure the application could be prepared by then. There was also discussion about including in this application the trail Al Sands had mention from the parking are to the picnic area in the Village Park. After discussion, including involving the Planning Commission, Chris Wallace, who is on the Planning Commission, volunteered to assist Cathy in exploring the possibility of applying for the grant this year, and if not, involving the Planning Commission for a try next year if such a grant is available.
2. Other Business – there was none
3. Public Comment – There was none
4. Date of Next Selectboard Meeting: February 15, 2021 @ 6 PM (Microsoft Teams) The Chair noted the date and time of the next meeting. The Chair welcomed Sue Allen to the Selectboard and thanked Chris Wallace.
5. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM on motion by Stan, second john Gregory and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitter,

William G. Kearns, Town Administrator