

**SHARON SELECTBOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 19, 2016**

Meeting Attendees:

Selectboard Members: Mary Gavin, Luke Pettengill, Kevin Blakeman
Town Personnel: Deb Jones, Finance Manager; Margy Becker, Selectboard Assistant, Tim Higgins, Road Foreman. Visitors: Ian MacKenzie, Pathways Consulting; Gary Stack & Shelley Davis, Rob & Cathy Romeo, Peter Anderson.

Chair Kevin Blakeman convened the meeting at 6:30PM.

Review & Approve Minutes: Mary Gavin made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting. Second by Luke Pettengill. Motion carried with Kevin Blakeman abstaining.

Review & Approve Warrants: Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Public Comments: there were no public comments.

Highways – New Business:

Road Foreman Reports: Tim Higgins and Engineer Ian MacKenzie reported the Downer Culvert project is substantially complete. Guard rails ends still need to be installed. Ian is reconciling Griffin & Griffin's quantities for final invoicing and/or change orders, if needed.

Work activities necessary for completion of smaller culvert projects were discussed.

Rte. 132 Water Line Break: A break in a water line at the edge of Rte. 132 by the Donahue driveway has caught the Town's attention. Rob and Cathy Romeo joined Selectmen to provide information concerning locations of private water lines that supply water to Village residences from springs located across the interstate. Some lines cross Rte. 132 at Dale Potter's house and travel down the side of Rte. 132 into the Village. John Vincent, Rubin Sotak, and the Parsonage share a line. This line "T's" before the Rte. 14 intersection. The store gets water from a spring up behind Barb Donahue's. That line goes under the Interstate and crosses school property.

Rob Romeo indicated the broken line is the shared line for the Romeo rental house and the Barrett house. He has shown Road Foreman Tim Higgins the location of this line. Rob confirmed he had identified two breaks – one in the stream behind Dale Potter's and the other by the Donahue driveway. Rob Romeo has completed drilling the new well to supply the rental, and that property is now off the line. But he is retaining water rights. Selectmen agreed to contact Rae Barrett regarding further repairs.

Request to install hardpack – TH51 (Clifford Farm Road): Selectmen agreed that Mr. David Fisk should submit a written request to install hard pack, in keeping with the Town's highway

policy. And he needs to consult with the road Foreman. The Selectmen's Assistant will follow-up with Mr. Fisk.

TRORC Town Liaison Report: Peter Anderson provided a brief status of regional planning commission activities. The RPC has provided staff guidance on Town Plan revisions. The Sharon Planning Commission will begin discussing revisions at its next meeting. The NewVista project is on the agenda for the TRORC monthly meeting on Sept. 28. Peter agreed to return later in the fall with another status report.

Rte. 14 Curb Cut: Gary Stack and Shelley Davis reported on difficulties with the use and maintenance of their ROW from Farm Field Lane to their property. The property also abuts Rte. 14. Mr. Stack has petitioned the VTRANS for a curb cut onto Rte. 14. He invited Selectboard members to attend, if their schedules permitted.

Animal Control/2nd Constables: discussions postponed. Bob Potter was unable to attend.

VT River Conservancy –Rikert Property: discussions postponed.

Dayco – Use of Commercial Property for Residential Use: Kevin Blakeman reported on conversations with Sharon Fire Department. The Department responded to a call at the Dayco building in Commerce Park. Firemen were surprised to discover evidence of people living in the building. The owner has since confirmed to the Town that this is a temporary housing situation for documented workers until December. Selectmen agreed to inquire whether the Act 250 permit allows residential use of the Dayco building.

Old School House Boilers: Margy Becker reported at least 4 potential bidders attended the pre-bid meeting. Bids are due September 26th. Selectmen met with Ken Wright concerning his proposal to be on-call for maintenance of town buildings. **Motion to approve Ken Wright's proposed agreement for services as-submitted. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.**

Finance Manager Report: Selectmen reviewed year-to-date budget figures with Deb Jones. It was noted that sand hauling is approximately 2/3 complete.

Emergency Health Order: Selectmen agreed to inquire about the status of septic system replacement. The Board will follow-up with the engineer for Doris Howe.

Motion to adjourn: Mary Gavin made the motion to adjourn at 8:40pm. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Submitted by Margy Becker