

**Dover Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Dover Town Office
Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

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Select Board Members Present: Victoria Capitani, Tom Baltrus, Joe Mahon

Select Board Members Absent: Randall Terk, Josh Cohen

Also Present: Office Manager, Jeannette Eckert

Public: Ken Black, Randy Johnson, Jim & Judy McDevitt, Mark Sprague, Adam Levine, Lauren Harkawik, Bob Holland, Sandy MacDougall, Tim Dolan, Rich Werner, Betsy Reagan, Mary Fredette, Mike Desrochers

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 6:30pm by Vice Chair Victoria Capitani

I. Public Comments:

Mark Sprague: Big problem with bears getting into dumpsters; the following is a list of several places in town where he has noticed trash issues

- Bennington Furniture, Snow Creek, Silo, Doveberry, Gray Ghost, Snow Mtn. Market, both sides of Upper Handle Rd, Lower Highlands Rd
- Police can't do much with condo association; but should be able to do something about businesses
- Perhaps it is a health issue; bears are not the problem, people are creating the problem
- This is an ongoing problem
- Every dumpster in Stowe is chained shut—maybe they have an ordinance we can modify/adopt
- There should be something that can be done in the mean time to get this cleaned up
- Should not be the responsibility of Green Up folks to pick up others trash

Randy Johnson contacted State's Attorney and Game Warden Rich Watkins—Town would need to enact a littering ordinance or policy that tells landlords and businesses that they need to have a bear proof storage; game warden is reaching out to his contacts; fish & game statute regarding "feeding bears" may address this issue

Jeannette will reach out to VLCT for model ordinance

Send Health Officer Wayne out to check on these properties/locations

Revisit on May 16th agenda

II. New Business:

A. Presentation by The Gathering Place—Re: Possible Town Support of an Adult Day Satellite Location (Mary Fredette)

- Three years ago, asked to do some facilitation requests for senior services in Deerfield Valley; providing both economic development and senior care
- We have a good number of folks coming over the mountain to Brattleboro every day on the bus
- The Gathering Place board decided to pursue a satellite location
- Potential sites: Preferred one is still in negotiations and cannot be disclosed at this time
- Two potential sites in Dover and two in Wilmington
- Wilmington pledged some of the 1% money to help establish the satellite location
- Need help with the start-up funding
- Aware that the folks in senior housing in Dover would be interested in a program here
- Hoping Dover will appropriate some of the 1% money to the program

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- Hoping to settle this before the snow falls; transportation is a part of the service
- Looking for a one-time donation of \$20,000 but would take anything
- Deerfield Valley senior residents are primarily the most fragile of the folks that attend
- 20% of current enrollment comes from the valley. Primarily serve Dover and Wilmington but also Wardsboro, Whitingham, Readsboro
- Raised \$26,000 in cash and another \$30,000 in pledges; rec'd \$10,000 in a grant
- Still about \$40,000 to go
- Wilmington has committed \$25,000
- Certainly, it would help if we could disclose a spot but hoping within the next 20-30 days will have an announcement
- Square footage needed? 3000 square feet, ideally on one level unless there is an elevator; open concept to serve 30 people; averages 16-18 on a regular basis now from the valley
- Also provide subsidized care which has given us a revenue base
- Applied for VT Yankee money three years ago- predicted we could create 30 jobs; to date created 32 jobs; envision 3 full time and 2 part-time jobs with this new location also contract with regional physical therapist and nurse on per diem basis; also, arts groups
- Betsy Reagan's offered her support for the program; her father had a wonderful experience there

Board comments:

- Wish you had approached us at Town Meeting when we could have made an appropriation at that time
- Would need a warned agenda item for that specific amount of money
- Would like to help; think it is a great idea; would like to support it
- Come back to us in a month with a more concrete plan & location
- Would like to continue the conversation and look forward to hearing more
- The valley would be better for it

B. Letter of Support—Tough Mudder Public Assembly Application

On a motion by Tom Baltrus, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board unanimously agreed to have Vice Chair Capitani sign the letter of support

**In reference to the recent sewer bills distributed to Town buildings, Victoria Capitani requests an item be put on the next agenda: invitation to be sent to North Branch's Board with regard to attending the next SB meeting to discuss the reasoning behind this decision
Dept. heads should try to record a dollar figure of what each has done in the past for North Branch & have those figures available

III. Police:

A. Special Traffic Regulations Permit for Blueberry Parade (July 29, 2017)

On a motion by Tom Baltrus, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the special traffic regulations permit for the 2017 Blueberry parade

IV. Local Board of Liquor Control:

On a motion by Tom Baltrus, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board unanimously agreed to recess and convene as local Liquor Control board

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Board discussed the possibility of denying an application based on non-compliance with trash issue. Had previous discussions regarding denial based on unpaid property taxes; According to Dept. of Liquor Control, the Board can deny liquor licenses for such reasons. As the Board has already approved licenses for establishments with unpaid taxes, the Board needs to treat everyone equally in regard to taxes. Should not be looking for ways to go after people...it does not sit well. Dealing with the trash issue....sending Wayne out to the properties is the best first step.

On a motion by Tom Baltrus, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board unanimously approved the following

- A. 1st Class Liquor License for:
 1. Dover Silo Corporation d/b/a The Silo
- B. Outside Consumption Permits for:
 1. Dover Silo Corporation d/b/a The Silo
 2. Mt Snow Ltd d/b/a Cuzzins
 - a. Tough Mudder, June 24-25, 8am to 8pm
 - b. Fireworks, July 3, 3pm to 10pm
 - c. Concert, July 15, 3pm to 11pm
 - d. Blueberry Bash, July 29, 10am to 7pm
 - e. Brewers Festival, Sept 2-3, 9am to 7pm
 - f. Wildlife Festival, Sept 24, 9am to 7pm
 - g. Oktoberfest, Oct 7-8, 9am to 6pm
 - h. Eastern States Cup, Oct 14-15, 9am to 11pm
 3. Mt Snow Ltd, d/b/a Summit Bar
 - a. Brewers Festival, Sept 2-4, 9am to 7pm
 - b. Oktoberfest, Oct 7-9, 9am to 7pm

On a motion by Tom Baltrus, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board recessed as local Liquor Control and reconvened as Dover Select Board

V. Economic Development:

- A. Do-It Applications 2017-2018
 - 17 applications came in for a total of \$47,927.56
 - Total project cost was \$102,004.79
 - Budget is \$36,000
 - Recommend approving them all and increasing the budget amount by \$12,000
 - It would help the Town in light of the fact that business owners are putting a majority of their own money into these projects

On a motion by Tom Baltrus, seconded by Victoria Capitani, the Board unanimously approved the projects as presented

- B. Street Lights Along Route 100 from Layla's Riverside Lodge to the Bridge
 - Has easements signed by Sandy MacDougall and Philip Waller for permission to allow the placement of street lights along Route 100 adjacent to their properties
 - Walkway is not lit; potential safety issue especially in the winter
 - When the park was done, had a \$3100 per light estimate—just for the light
 - \$5500 per light by Bazin Bros which included all the excavation and setting up lights
 - Would need an RFP

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Board comments:

- When trails are all done, are we going to light all the way to Mt Snow?
- I think we need to retreat a bit
- When this section of lights was done, Board discussed whether it should go further, wanted to see what they looked like; what the impact was
- Once they were put in, the public was asking to light all the way to the bridge for a nice area to walk on

Ken:

- Could just go up to the Park or Movie Theatre
- All a function of how we want the Town to look; could be advantageous
- No current construction grants for extended trails except the small piece past Dorr Fitch to Toll Gate
- Plan was to go all the way to Mt Snow with the trails
- The trails have to be broken up into portions to accommodate the grant maximums
- Lights draw more traffic to businesses in those areas; may open up more businesses
- Lights are not invasive but aesthetically pleasing; have had positive comments; want people to stop in town and not just drive to Mt Snow
- 1600 feet of trail would equal the need for 20 lights

Sandy MacDougall: Lights behind the bridge to the Park would be great; nobody walks back there because its pitch dark

Adam Levine: Have heard positive response; most people say it should go further; night traffic; consistently hear how nice it looks: 99 to 1

Rich Werner: Invested a lot of 1% money in various projects—did we have an increase in 1% money since the trail was put in or the sidewalk?; has there been a specific study? Not against any projects but how do we know that the 1% money is a good investment? Brought up at Town Meeting; what creates the most bang for the buck? Perhaps should be a priority for the new ED person

Tom Baltrus: I came from an urban environment, I moved here for a little bit of darkness. I didn't move here to make here like there. On a foggy night from my house near the Wardsboro line, I can see all the way down to these lights. That is urban to me.

Ken Black: Virtually impossible to track the general state of the economy; many factors involved

Tom Baltrus: Prices have gone up. State of Vermont website reports the average income in this town: it has not increased in the last 10 years; number of tax returns filed have not increased; income subsidies—2/3 of this town gets income subsidies. Perhaps we need to build a history

Joe Mahon: Determine an inventory of what spaces are available; provide incentives for new businesses

Victoria Capitani: We are hiring a new ED director and we need to have this conversation; 1% money funded 100% of the Park; there are always people using the Park

Adam: Use of the trail and park is adding to the quality of life for the people who we are retaining here; how do you put a price tag on that?

On a motion by Tom Baltrus, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board unanimously agreed to initiate an RFP for the additional street lights

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VI. Consent Agenda:

C. Approve Minutes of April 18, 2017 & April 24, 2017

On a motion by Tom Baltrus, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of April 18, 2017. Defer approval of April 24 until all members are present

D. Approve Warrants of April 22 for \$120,387.51 & ~~April 29, 2017~~ (none)

On a motion by Tom Baltrus, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board unanimously approved the warrants of April 22, 2017

VII. FYI:

A. WRC Enhanced Energy Planning, May 3rd at 6pm, Dover Town Hall

B. Public Hearing—Johnson Hill Trail, May 16th at 6pm, prior to regular SB meeting

C. Evaluation Review Meeting, Thursday, June 1st at 1pm, Dover Town Hall

D. Dept. Head Evaluation Meeting, Monday, June 12th at 8am, Dover Town Hall

Victoria Capitani informed all present that the Dover School would like to create a team of people to fully understand the solar array credits; Tom Baltrus has agreed to be the SB representative

VIII. Liaison Reports:

As his liaison, Randy Terk was not present, Rich Werner offered new information on the generators for possible discussion at the next meeting

Generators arrived; tanks are bigger than was first thought; use 4 gallons an hour if at full capacity

Discussed options for renting or buying tanks; rental option would cover maintenance on tanks; plan to install generators next Monday; have two weeks for final check

Rich will move forward on rental bids. As this was not an agenda item, defer decision to May 16th meeting

IX. Executive Session for Personnel (Economic Dev. Director)

On a motion by Tom Baltrus, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board unanimously agreed to move into Executive Session at 7:36pm

Present: Victoria Capitani, Tom Baltrus, Joe Mahon, Randall Terk (via phone) and Ken Black

On a motion by Tom Baltrus, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board unanimously agreed to move out of Executive Session at 8:06pm

Decision: Ken will keep the Board posted on the status of the Economic Dev. Director offer

X. Adjournment at 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert

Public notices of these minutes have been posted at the following locations:
Dover Town Clerk's Bulletin Board, Dover Town Meeting Bulletin Board, Dover School
Dover Free Library, East Dover Post Office, Town of Dover Website: www.doververmont.com