Select Board Meeting 4/23/2015

Attendance: John Ogden, Greg Eckhardt, Jeremiah Evarts, Malcom McNair, Seth Bigelow, Andrea Ogden. Public: Maryann Morris and Ned Swanberg

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Maryann Morris from The Collaborative presented on the project of getting the speed limit on Route 11 outside Flood Brook School lowered. The specific school zone limit is to be determined. She is requesting that the Select Board send a letter to the VT AOT requesting the speed to be lowered. The result of this will be that the state road will become a town road, which would include Londonderry and Landgrove. John asked about the financial implications of the change. This letter is asking the AOT to research the project, not stating our approval of anything. Maryann indicated that she was also going to meet with the select board in Londonderry and would let us know how they felt. It was agreed that both letters should be sent at the same time. She will continue to communicate with Chrystal.

Ned Swanberg the Flood Hazard Mapping Coordinator from VT Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Management Division made a presentation on Flood Hazard by-law updates. There will be a new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map by December 2015. Regulations must be adopted by the Select Board by Columbus Day 2015. He also would like the Select Board to additionally consider a few other issues around flooding in our town. The preliminary DFIRM and River Corridor maps are available online at tinyurl/floodreadyatlas.

Comfort Forest update. The Morfits appraisal has been completed but it has not been presented to the town yet. Their deadlne to respond was April 1 however, John did extend the deadline due to vacations, etc.

Greg reported that Steve Twitchell may be interested in the firewood project in the Evarts forest. Seth noted that the project is not ready to award the firewood project yet.

There has been no communication yet from Cameron regarding the June 1 deadline. Greg will contact Cameron to confirm the receipt of the letter.

The select board voted to approve the shade project with Friends of the Sun for \$4,018.38.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.