

SelectBoard Meeting February 11, 2021 8 am

Attended by: Steve Hall, John Ogden , Andrea ogden, Chrystal Cleary , Lori Langevin, Harry Lux

Meeting begins at 8:12 AM

Pay orders signed

Purchasing policy revisions were discussed but it was not completed and signed.

Harry Lux reported from the Planning Commission about the Blue Flame property on Valley View Dr. The hearing for Blue Flame's appeal to Environmental Court has not happened yet, but BF has filed an Act 250 application anyway so that is ready if they win at Environmental Court. The Town's counsel has advised that the Town file a Notice of Appearance to retain rights to address concerns later. The SelectBoard approved this action, and Harry will see that it is done.

The Corner at Hapgood Pond Road has seen now 5 accidents this winter, two of which have resulted in vehicles on their side or roof. The guardrail there has failed and Steve has been in touch with VTrans about immediate and long term repairs. Immediate actions will include signage and possibly barrels or flashers to help warn drivers to slow way down approaching this dangerous and often slick curve. Signs will be ordered and discussion is in progress with VTRans about physical changes and guardrails.

Increased use of the field across Utley Brook for skiing due to grooming has resulted in cars parking around the area- the Board questions whether the parking warrants management due to safety or interference with road plowing. John will talk with Jay to see if he's had issues. Parking at Town Hall is normally not a problem, but mailbox access for the mail jeep is important to be aware of. Others parking in the Town Hall driveway sometimes include people using the WiFi hotspot or parking to walk dogs. If everybody parks so that access through the driveway is clear, then no action is required.

Chrystal directed the SB members and Moderator Claudia Harris to a webinar by VLCT about the logistics and legalities of conducting the Town Meeting Hearing by remote conference tools (ie ZOOM). John and Steve have scheduling conflicts, so Claudia will be asked to attend and brief the SB and Clerk after, questions whether the webinar will be available after the fact as a recording.

Lister Kimberly Eckhardt has submitted her notice of resignation. The SelectBoard thanks her for her service, and Chrystal has added an Office of Lister for the remainder of the term to the Ballot for this TM.

TM Ballots were mailed on Wednesday and an email sent to all voters announcing the procedures for TM Hearing and voting by ballot this year only. The Town Report is nearly done and will be printed this week and mailed on Thursday February 18th, in time for the legal deadline to warn the meeting.

The SelectBoard accepted an Errors and Omissions report from the Listers with regard to 7 or 8 properties with Current Use calculation errors that occurred through several Towns, in which the portion of a parcel NOT in Current Use was valued incorrectly at zero. Property owners have been notified and new tax bills issued, the usual period for grievance will follow.

Discussion of Sandbox progress was tabled and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37AM