

TRI-BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
Rockingham Selectboard/Bellows Falls Trustees/Saxtons River Trustees
Saturday, July 23, 2016

Present:

Rockingham Selectboard: Lamont Barnett, Ann DiBernardo, Stefan Golec, Peter Golec (Absent: Joshua Hearne)

Bellows Falls Trustees: Myles Mickle, Stefan Golec

Saxtons River Trustees: Louise Luring

Also Present: Willis Stearns, II, Municipal Manager; Kerry Bennett, Recording Clerk; Michael Hindes; Highway Superintendent; Rob Wheeler, Wastewater Chief (at BF Plant & SR Plant); Ryan Stoodley, Recreation Director (at Rec Center); Ray Perry, Water Chief (at Water Plant); Denis Jeffrey, Rockingham Fire Chief (at Rockingham Fire Department); Ron Lake, BF Police Chief & BF Fire Administrative Chief (at Fire/Police Facility); Ed Tarvit, CRT Operations Manager

Press: None

Call to Order: The Rockingham Selectboard was the only Board to have a legal quorum and the meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Rockingham Selectboard Chair Lamont Barnett.

Additions to the Agenda for Routine Administrative Matters and/or Pressing Matters that will require ratification at a future meeting: None

Public Comment on items not on the Agenda – 3 minutes per person: None

Agenda:

1. Bus Tour of Town & Villages: The group boarded the bus at 9:50 a.m. and proceeded to the following locations:
 1. Bellows Falls Wastewater Plant: Chief Operator Rob Wheeler was present and gave the group a brief overview of the plant operations and ongoing projects.
 2. Rockingham/Westminster Recycling Center: The group then proceeded to the Recycling Center and toured the facility. Stearns gave an overview of the changes that have been made and the plans moving forward including the need to purchase a compactor.
 3. Recreation Center: Recreation Director Ryan Stoodley was present and gave the group a brief tour. Stearns pointed out the damage that has been done by the termites and the plan to rectify the issues.
 4. Blake Street Garage: Highway Superintendent Mike Hindes accompanied the group into the facility and gave an update on the equipment and activities of the Highway Department.

5. Cherry Hill Wall: Stearns pointed out the deterioration of the wall and the plan to re-apply for a structures grant to rectify this issue.
6. 38 Green Street Property: Stearns had the bus stop at the site and noted that this is the property that was damaged by fire several weeks ago and was signed over to the Town by quit claim deed. Stearns noted that the prior owner had been given unlimited access to the property until July 24. Stearns noted that, on Monday, 7/25/2016, the Highway Department would secure the house and barn, have the vehicle in the yard towed, and clean up the remaining debris on the property.
6. Fire/Police Facility: BF Police Chief & BF Fire Administrative Chief Ron Lake was present and gave the group a tour of the facility. Also present were Firefighters Jon Bebey and Sean McGinnis.
7. Water Plant: Water Chief Operator Ray Perry was present and the Board toured the facility. Stearns pointed out the historic gatehouse that had been moved from the pond and placed on land due to the deterioration of the dock & gatehouse.
8. Route 103 Highway Garage & Rockingham Fire Department: Chief Denis Jeffrey was present and the group toured the facility.
9. Route 103 Gravel Pit: Stearns pointed out the old section and the new section of the pit. Stearns also noted that a lot of debris, including that from the Bartonsville Bridge, has been moved and buried. DiBernardo asked about the Bartonsville Bridge and Stearns noted that it was owned by the Vermont League of Cities & Towns and there being no buyer for the material Stearns was informed by VLCT to get rid of it.
10. State Police Barracks: The group drove through the State Police property and had a brief discussion about the possibility of purchasing the property.
11. Pleasant Valley Road: Stearns noted that they would travel down this road so the Board could observe the condition of the road and what is needed there.
12. Saxtons River Fire Department: Saxtons River Trustee Chair Louise Luring gave the group a brief tour of the facility and the equipment.
13. Safe Routes to School Project: Stearns took the group up to the project to view the new sidewalk and how this was progressing.
14. Saxtons River Wastewater Facility: BF Wastewater Chief Rob Wheeler was present and gave the group a tour of this facility.

Stearns also touched on other projects and explained each briefly such as the Route 5 pipe bursting, the rehabilitation of the pump houses, the water project on King/Lockwood/Pleasant, Park & Ride, and Bridge Street Bridge. Information was distributed to those present prepared by Vermont Local Roads titled “The Basics of a Good Road” and “Pay Now or Pay Later: Tips for Saving Road Dollars for the Long Haul”.

Other Business: None

Adjourn: *Peter Golec made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Ann DiBernardo. Motion passed.*

Attest: _____
Kerry Bennett, Recording Clerk

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