

**Town of Fletcher  
Select Board Meeting  
Fletcher Town Offices  
July 5, 2021**

**Select Board:** Jon Bondy, Rich Bidwell, Bruce Douglas, and Matt Gillilan

**Participants:** Pam Jedlicka, Eva Gillilan, Randy McLaughlin, Cathay Wilson, and Rachael Wilson (Secretary)

**Call to Order:** 7:04pm

**1. State of Vermont Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Certification:**

- a. Bruce moved that the Town of Fletcher accept its allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding (CLFRF) from the US Treasury, along with the Award Terms & Conditions and Assurances of Compliance with the Civil Rights Requirements that are requirements of accepting these funds. The Select Board unanimously approved the motion.
- b. Bruce moved that the Select Board appoint ~~Karrie Sweet~~ <sup>JON BONDY</sup> to serve as the Town's "Authorized Representative" as required by the CLFRF from the US Treasury, to sign the Award Terms & Conditions and Assurances of Compliance with the Civil Rights Requirements. The Select Board unanimously approved the motion.
- c. Bruce moved that the Select Board name Karrie Sweet to be the "Contact Person" for the Town's CLFRF Award from U.S. Treasury. The Select Board unanimously approved the motion. <sup>AND AMIGE TINKAL</sup>

**2. Road Report:**

- a. The Northwest Regional Planning Commission Grant, the "Grants in Aid" on Pond Road is 95% complete.
- b. Matt Gillilan and Bruce met with Jim Ryan, Lindon Blanch, and Alan Cary at Metcalf Pond to go over the site and the culvert/storm water grant plan. Jim offered minor modifications to the grant plan. They discussed treatment options for the area between the beach and the road, and decided on using a stone filter strip to mitigate erosion. The Select Board discussed the durability of a stone filter strip.
- c. The boulders were moved back to the beach area.
- d. Jon recommended that the Road Crew send email updates on projects and important information.

**3. ATVs:**

- a. The Select Board received a letter about ATVs. The Select Board discussed that the rule in town is that there are no ATVs on roads. Randy heard a rumor about there being a discussion about ATVs at the Select Board meeting tonight. The Select Board has not heard from anyone wanting to change the ATV ordinance nor was there a planned discussion. Randy explained that he would ideally like to be able to ride his ATV to work, but if that's not possible would like to be allowed to use it for his livestock when needed. The Select Board explained that the state has a clause for agricultural use and ATVs, but the wording isn't very clear.

**4. Speed limit Ordinance:**

- a. The Select Board discussed the ordinance. The paved (class 2) roads are not addressed in the current speed limit ordinance. The Select Board discussed revising the ordinance to cover paved roads and also adjust some road speeds. They would also like the Road Crew to order and put up speed limit signs.
- b. Cathy Wilson wanted to discuss some concerns about her road.
  - i. She explained that there are no speed limit signs coming from 108 to Wilson Road and that Wilson Road has become a cut through for traffic and people do not slow down when they come off 108. She explained that the speeding is so bad that they had to put up a fence around their

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property to keep their grandkids safe. The other concern is that, because of the increased traffic the road keeps getting wider and wider. Matt Gillilan explained that Wilson Road was on the schedule to be ditched last year, but it was put off until this year.

- ii. Cathy is also concerned about the integrity of the historical bridges on Wilson Road. She explained that a construction company moved in next door and loaded construction vehicles drive over the bridges multiple times a day. The cement bridges are already cracked and do have weight limit signs. She is not sure if the company, or the other large vehicles that drive down the road have over weight limit permits. Jon explained that when he was first appointed on Select Board (20 years ago) the bridges were in need of repair. Cathy pointed out that there are two ways to get to 108 from Wilson Road, one way doesn't cross those bridges. Matt explained that one of the bridges is over 20' long, and V-Trans inspects those bridges on a regular basis. Jon said that Aimee, Karrie and Matt will have to look and see if there is a permit.

**5. Road Report Continued:**

- a. The Select Board discussed the speed limit ordinance and process for changing the ordinance. They discussed where, in the center of town, will be 35mph and where it will be 40mph. Rich and Matt are going to write up the new ordinance and have it ready for approval at the first meeting in August. Jon suggested that Rich and Matt put a map together with where the speed limit signs will go. Matt will talk to the Road Crew about what time frame is good to install signs and what work would be set aside when they do so.
- b. The Select Board discussed the cost of the Road Crew hauling sand versus hiring a contractor.

**6. Broadband:**

- a. The Town received approval to start the buildout, but regional planning said they need to figure out what the Town is going to do for disbursement. MCFiber and regional planning are working it out.

**7. Metcalf Pond:**

- a. The drainage tiles that Rich gave the Town are effective in keeping the beavers from plugging the grate.
- b. Aimee ordered signs for loading and unloading, and no parking.

**8. Outstanding Items:**

- a. The Town Office heat pump hasn't been moved yet.
- b. Purchase order and bid policy: Rich will get with Aimee and Karrie this week to find policies. The Select Board is curious if Aimee or Karrie reached out to muninet for policy examples.
- c. Annual maintenance events: Rich is working on this project.
- d. Rich brought up that the Governor signed a bill making universal mail-in voting a permanent feature of Vermont's general elections. The Select Board would like to know Aimee and Karrie's estimate for the cost of the ballot mailings.
- e. Conflict of interest policy: Bruce took a sample conflict of interest policy and adjusted it to reference Fletcher. Bruce summarized the policy for the Select Board. The board recommends that the Town Clerk be responsible for all elected and appointed officials receiving a copy of the conflict of interest policy. The Select Board unanimously agrees to adopt the policy. See the attached conflict of interest policy

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**9. Public Comment:**

- a. Jon invited attendees to comment.
- b. Pam Jedlicka said the discussions were good tonight.

**10. Other Board Business:**

- a. Jon asked the Select Board to think about what the Select Board should discuss and focus on for the next 6 months.
- b. Jon asked that the Select Board let him know to discuss when a meeting falls on a holiday, if everyone can attend or if the meeting should be moved.

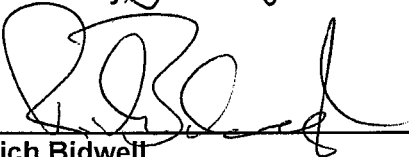
**11. To Do List:**

- a. Jon Bondy:
  - i. Get a copy of the budget and how it ended up at the end of the year.
  - ii. Jon will try to get a budget status report out to the Select Board before the next meeting.
- b. Matt Gillilan, Aimee Tinker, Karrie Sweet:
  - i. Research whether the construction company on Wilson Road has overweight limit permits to drive loaded trucks over the bridges on Wilson Road.
- c. Rich Bidwell:
  - i. Find state guidance on the recommended distances and placement of speed limit signs and email to the Select Board.
  - ii. Purchase order and bid policy: Get with Aimee and Karrie this week to find past policies to work from.
- d. Rich Bidwell and Matt Gillilan:
  - i. Write up the new speed limit ordinance and have it ready for approval at the first Select Board meeting in August.
- e. Jon Bondy and Rich Bidwell:
  - i. Meet at Metcalf Pond to draw up a map.

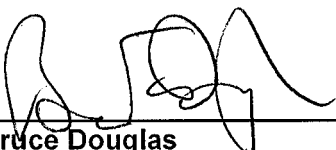
**12. Adjournment: 8:50pm**

  
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