

Town of Fletcher Select Board Meeting
Fletcher Town Offices
Select Board Meeting Minutes
08/02/2021

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

Attendees: Eva Gillilan, Pam Jedlicka, Maurice Rathbun, and Rachael Wilson (Secretary).

1. Call to order: 7:04pm
2. Zoning:
 - a. Ted Lancaster sent a letter to the Select Board explaining that he sold land and new owners aren't using the land the way it should be used based on the land deeds. The new owner wants to move the driveway. The Select Board took a moment to review the letter. Matt Gillilan reviewed the location and there isn't a safety concern.
 - b. Ted Beebe wrote a letter to the Select Board expressing a concern about zoning. Ted's previous neighbor wants to put a garage and driveway near the property line. Maurice provided the Select Board with background information. The Select Board discussed and determined that this is a Zoning issue. Maurice did mention that he asked the individual for a contractor's yard permit because they are storing construction equipment. The Select Board said they would like to see that the ask for a contractor's yard permit is consistent with all residents.
3. Broadband:
 - a. Aimee has not received an update on Broadband.
4. Road Report:
 - a. Rich mentioned that the Road Crew worked some overtime for grading. Matt Gillilan explained that sometimes they run the grader in the evening if they aren't able to do it during the day because of the weather. Matt Gillilan will take a look at the overtime and speak with Norman.
 - b. Speed Limit Ordinance revision is close to complete, but Regional Planning is releasing information on mapping this week. Matt Gillilan reached out to Jim Cota about the 30mph roads. Jim explained, if the speed limit is at or between 35-50mph, a traffic study is required on paved roads, but not on unpaved roads. If a road is 30mph or under and it has been listed at 30mph in an ordinance for more than 5 years, then it should be legally enforceable. Matt Gillilan mentioned that they will need to remember to keep a copy of the old ordinance for 5 years.
5. Metcalf Pond:
 - a. New loading/unloading zone signs were delivered for use at the Metcalf Pond "beach." Matt Gillilan is unsure if they were put up yet.
 - b. The port-o-let should be delivered by tomorrow morning.
 - c. There has not been additional work done at the ledges.
6. Board Business:
 - a. The Select Board discussed and made revisions to Jon's draft of the budget report.
7. The Select Board invited attendees to comment.
 - a. Pam Appreciates the Select Board's thoughtful discussion around the budget.

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- b. Eva: Eva emailed the Select Board about retraining for VT Alert. The Select Board asked Eva to schedule the training at 6 or 6:30pm on 9/8/2021 or 9/20/2021.
- 8. Other Board Business:
 - a. The 9/6/2021 Select Board meeting will be moved to 7pm on 9/8/2021 to accommodate for the Labor Day holiday.
 - b. The Select Board discussed masking and current COVID-19 guidelines. Currently, Vermont doesn't require masks. Concern about the Town Office not requiring masks has not been raised by residents.
 - c. Matt Swartz emailed with Leslie Nulty and spoke with Tim Nulty. Matt is gathering information about excessive broadband connection costs for some residents as he explores grants. Tim suggested they look at the last 200 installs and get an average. Leslie said that MCFiber is currently working on an engineering layout for the town. Jon pointed out that this would take time and the grants and funding may not be available a year from now. Matt Swartz found an interactive map and will email it to the Select Board. Matt Swartz is trying to get the conversation going with the state to find out what grant options might be available to residents. Matt Swartz pointed out that there is the LECAP grant program that is still going on; residents might be able to take advantage of to get reimbursed for costs to get connected.
 - d. Matt Gillilan is in the process of following up on the permit for the construction company on Wilson Road.
- 9. Adjournment: 9:00pm

To Do:

- 1. Matt Gillilan: Take a look at the Road Crew's overtime and speak with Norman.
- 2. Matt Swartz: Ask MCFiber what the cheapest way for someone to get connected is.

Jon Bondy, Chair

Matt Gillilan

Rich Bidwell

Matt Swartz

Bruce Douglas