

**Town of Fletcher – Select Board
Fletcher Town Clerk’s Office
November 20, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Members: Rich Bidwell, Jon Bondy, Bruce Douglas, Matt Gillilan (via Zoom)

Guests: Michelle Frenier, Karrie Sweet (Town Clerk & Treasurer), Aimee Tinker (Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer, Select Board Clerk)

1) Call to Order

Jon called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2) Regular Board Business

Executive Session

Pursuant to 1 V.S.A. §313 (a)(3), Jon made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the evaluation of an employee and invited Karrie Sweet and Aimee Tinker to stay for this portion of the meeting. Rich seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion and went into Executive Session at 7:03pm.

At 8:04pm, the Board exited Executive Session and resumed the regular meeting. No action was taken.

Personnel Policy

Jon shared the current policies (and the Board’s drafts for new ones) with VLCT and the Town attorney. They said that the Board was not heading in the right direction and advised using VLCT’s template as a starting point. Jon hand modified that template and shared a draft with the rest of the Board as well as Karrie and Aimee, asking everyone to review it before the next regular meeting on December 4th.

Generator

The Board discussed getting a generator at the Town Garage like the one at the Town Office. They are seeking quotes for the purchase and installation of a 22kw propane-fed generator with an automatic transfer switch. Matt G said he has quote from Shawn Bishop. Aimee will reach out to Reliant and Bruce will reach out to Brookfield.

Pond Parking Lot

The Town Clerk’s office received a letter from a resident stating they’d noticed an increase in overnight parking and camping at the Metcalf Pond parking lot. The resident inquired if signage (such as “no overnight parking/camping”) could be installed to deter this. Bruce noted Vermont Statute prohibits overnight camping in a public right-of-way or public land. The Board asked Aimee to look into available signage options.

Speed Detection Sign

The Board discussed where exactly the new sign will be installed. Matt said it will be located on the right-hand side of School Road between Bog Road and the school, taking the place of a standard 25mph sign. Rich said the post should be installed as soon as possible before the ground freezes. The actual sign can be installed any time after it is programmed.

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Meunier Property

Jon said it was brought to his attention that before purchasing the property, Lee received a Zoning permit to replace the falling-down structure with a garage of the same footprint. Apparently, this permit was issued in error as Lee would’ve needed a demo permit prior to any new building permit. The Town attorney will be consulted to determine the validity of this and help the Board determine what the next steps might be.

One-Ton Truck

The Town is offering up the old one-ton truck for sale via closed bids. These will be due by December 4 at 3:00pm. Aimee and Rich will take photos, draft a description and post accordingly. Matt G suggested leaving the truck at the Town Office parking lot over the weekend, locked and with signage advertising sale. The Board agreed this was a good way to advertise the sale.

Broadband

Jon shared that the Town is still searching for additional funding for the project. The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) says they will not fund Fletcher directly as we are not part of a CUD, but they may be willing to fund MCF.

3) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.



Jon Bondy, Chair



Bruce Douglas



Rich Bidwell



Matt Gillilan