

**Town of Leicester
Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 19, 2010

Unapproved

** See subsequent minutes for any changes

Members Present: Diane Benware, Ron Fiske, Tom Barker, Ken Young, Bob Oliver

Others Present: Julie Delphia, Arlan Pidgeon, Kate Briggs, James Maroney, Tim Bouton, Kate Gegas, Sandra Trombley, Secretary

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Agenda: Agenda reviewed.

Guests from ACRPC:

Tim Bouton from ACRPC attended the meeting. Tim explained that their Strategic Planning Committee didn't feel that towns knew what ACRP did. He passed out a booklet about ACRPC. Tim stated that they are a go between; between towns and State.

Tim explained that town plans are supposed to have a section on energy. There is energy money for an Energy Coordinator. Leicester currently has an open position at this time.

Kate Gegas, Treasurer of Emergency Management Team. Each town is supposed to have an Emergency Manager. Leicester's Manager is Ray Lalumiere.

Kate brought portable emergency kits for Leicester with introductory letter to Selectboard. A portable kit for the Emergency Manager; as well as, for the primary emergency operation center, which includes laminated map, markers, phonebook, telephone, pads of paper, tape, clip boards, emergency plans, forms, etc. This is a starting point.

Tim encourages that every town has a line item in the town budget for emergency management.

Tim commented that James Maroney, Leicester's delegate, has attended every meeting they have had since he was appointed as delegate. They ask that delegates be a member of at least one committee.

Chair commented that Leicester's Zoning Administrator has commented that ACRP has been a great resource for technical and legal issues.

James Maroney reported that he has been on ACRPC for five months and he still doesn't know what they do. Their web-site is an impenetrable amount of words. He is going to suggest that ACRPC distill their mission statement. His focus will be on agriculture and water quality. Agriculture pollutes Lake Champlain. Farmers are exempt from Act 250. He has sent a letter to ACRPC stating that Addison County needs to take a serious look at agriculture pollution. Otter Creek and Lewis Creek are two of the feeders.

Zoning Administrator:

Kate shared a copy of a letter she wrote to the State of Vermont expressing her concerns as ZA regarding dismantling of regional planning and consequences it might cause.

Kate reported the progress with the new Town Plan.

Kate urges the board to appoint more alternates to the ZBA/PC in order to have more meetings each month.

Kate has been getting calls about junk ordinance. People are concerned about Rte.53, Lake Dunmore Road. It has deteriorated. People are concerned about their property values. Kate suggests as we look at revising zoning by-laws, we need to look at this topic. She suggests that we put it into our zoning by-laws or get rid of the ordinance and make it somebody's real job.

Kate and Diane reported on their hearing on Wednesday in Montpelier, questioning the Common Level of Appraisal for Leicester.

Historical Society:

Donna Wykes, President of Leicester's Historical Society, presented a \$2,000 check on behalf of the Historical Society to help repair steps for the Town Hall. The Board was very appreciative and thanked Donna.

Approve Minutes of March 30, 2010:

Motion by Tom to approve minutes of March 30, 2010. Second by Ron. All in favor. So approved.

Review and Sign Orders for Bill Payment:

Bills making their rounds for signatures.

Weight Permits:

Arlan reviewed two weight permits. Bob and Ken signed permits.

A Bridge Inspection Summary Report was signed by the Board.

Reports from Town Officials, Committees:

Town Clerk/Treasurer:

VLCT's has finished their 2009 Workers Compensation Audit. They sent it to Julie for verification. Julie was happy with it.

234 dogs have been licensed. Brian has contacted all but two dog owners.

Brian's pay should be handled with a 1099 per Board.

Motion by Tom to authorize Julie to pay Brian Webb for his services as Animal Control Officer. Second by Ron. All in favor. So approved.

Julie explained that there is a working farm dog exemption. If you have a working farm dog, you cannot limit its ability to run free or bark while it is in the performance of its job on its owners land or if it is off its owner's land in the job of protecting herds or crops. A working farm dog is a dog that is bred or trained for the purpose of herding animals or protecting crops. That dog must be registered in the town as a working farm dog which is an extra fee over and above the regular registration fee. For clarification, there are no dogs in Leicester registered under this classification of working farm dogs.

Julie will clarify that with Brian.

Julie asked if we would rent tables and chairs. The Board said 'no'.

Julie had a question regarding the long meeting on April 5th and whether the pay for the Secretary is \$50.

Motion by Ron to pay Secretary as if there had been an additional meeting for April. Second by Tom. All in favor. So approved.

Delinquent taxes are at \$55,600.

Nop Bros. paid their invoice for cleanup.

Julie was informed that James Perlee passed away and wanted to be sure the Board knew.

Renaming Maple Street:

Nine residences were informed of the meeting and invited to come to rename Maple Street. Jim & Ida Harrington were the only residents present.

The Harrington's wanted to keep the Maple, but possibly add Sugar or Run.

Motion by Tom to change the name from Maple Street to Maple Run Road. Second by Ron. All in favor. So approved.

Action: As the 911 Coordinator, Julie will contact the appropriate 911 personnel and all property owners on street. Julie will notify Salisbury, as well.

Action: Arlan will order and install a new sign. Ida would like the old sign for her father.

Road Foreman:

Arlan had nothing to report.

Tom informed that the intersection at Pioneer Auto needs to be swept.

Tom reported that Scott was having some problems with the grader. One tire on the front is soft and a problem with the mow board wanting to flop ahead because the cylinders won't hold it.

Motion by Tom to have Arlan or Scott call Rouse's tire to come and repair/replace tire as they see fit. Second by Ron. All in favor. So approved.

Action: Arlan will call Reggie to see if he has any ideas about the cylinders and report back.

Cemetery:

Diane wrote a letter to Gus Letourneau to have him send a written proposal about brush clearing. He has not done so.

Action: Tom will contact Gus and report back.

Tom reported that tomorrow night they are meeting with Don Durkee at the cemetery to review stones and determine what stones need cleaning.

Overweight Permit – Bridge:

Whiting approved it.

The fleet permit was signed on March 4th.

Motion by Bob to authorize Julie to write letter on Selectboard's behalf to allow Carrara's to transport over length bridge beams with the understanding that they provide specific dates so the town could notify fire and rescue personnel in advance. Second by Ron. 4 – Yes and 1 no (Tom).

Old Business:

Steps:

Bob will check with Peter to see when McKernon Group will look at the steps.

Julie reported that Carol Eckles stopped over today and needs to know if the steps will be in for their May concert, May 12. They are very concerned because that is an evacuation site if something were to happen to the school and that's one of their points of egress.

Motion by Ken to authorize Arlan to remove steps and put in place jersey barriers for now. Second by Ron. 4 – Yes, 1 – no (Bob)

Action: Julie will contact Carol to let her know to use the side as the primary entrance and use the front for emergency exit only. There may not be steps, but there will be a drop down exit similar to a school bus, but not as steep.

Green Up Update:

Diane reported they will be offering people a ticket if they bring bags over to the trailer. The ticket will entitle you to free hot dog, soda and chips and then your ticket will be entered into a raffle. Kate and Diane will be seeking donations. Green Up day is May 1st. Bags are in the Town Office.

Paving Bids:

Tom wanted to clarify that the motion was on the person and not the amount of money. The prices are subject to change because the prices may come in a lot lower than what the bid was. The price was for the purpose of applying for a grant.

Diane put on the grant application that the prices were subject to change. It was the feeling of the Selectboard they wanted to go with virgin material and were not interested in going with the wrap.

Limited Public Opinion: None

Other:

Executive Session:

Next regular meeting, May 3, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Trombley
Selectboard Secretary