

**Selectboard Regular Meeting • August 22, 2019**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Selectboard Present:** H. Childress; P. Kenyon; T. Redfield

**Town Officers Present:** Road Commissioner Bill Reed

**Public Present:** Art Castle, George Gonda, Don Hemenway

**Called to order:** 7:00 p.m.

*Go shop in Poultney!!!! You can get there!!!!*

**Minutes:** T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 8<sup>th</sup> as amended; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*]

**Public:** Art Castle, George Gonda, and Don Hemenway attended on behalf of the Fire Association.

**Town Lands:** The building committee has received the feasibility study from our consulting firm. David Muniyak and Tom Hurcomb have met with Joe Giancola for his advice about construction management for large projects. The Building Committee will work to take advantage of these new elements of information.

The West Street project has been on a bit of hiatus for the past week, with our engineer on vacation. He has, however, received some productive feedback from the Agency of Natural Resources and from VTRANS, and will take that into his reporting and analysis. The goal is to have a 90% report by early September, with formal State feedback to come after that.

The Board's intention is to hold a special election this fall for voters' approval of borrowing against the array of proposed building projects. Details of financing will be finalized by late September, so that we can have public meetings during October in preparation for a late fall vote. The Fire Association is at work on updating and revising their building proposal, and look forward to working with the Selectboard on financing and construction.

**Highway:** Bill has prepared a bid package for the proposed reconstruction of roughly a quarter of a mile of Spruce Knob road, with a grant application going to the Better Back Roads program. H. Childress moved to approve T. Redfield to sign the Town's application to the Better Back Roads program for this project; P; Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

H. Childress approved the proposed purchase of a trailered leaf blower from H.P. Fairfield equipment for \$7,600; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*]. The Town qualifies for a \$4,400 grant to offset those costs.

The Davenports have filed a right-of-way work application for a second driveway into their property off Spruce Knob Road, with the Highway crew overseeing the work of a private contractor. H. Childress moved to approve their request; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Bill and Herb will be attending a meeting on Tuesday 8/27 with FEMA, VT Emergency Management, VTRANS and VT Agency of Natural Resources to begin the process of reimbursement for the road repairs related to the April rainstorms.

**Solid Waste:** A reminder that our fall Large Waste/Metal collection day is Saturday, October 5. We are hoping to get a quote for disposal from Casella to compare against the price from Hubbard.

**Correspondence:**

- Final verification of 2019-20 education tax rate from the VT Department of Taxes
- Email from the Peschl's regarding river erosion issues at their property. We will assemble an inspection team, including Selectboard, Highway, Agency of Natural Resources, and Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District, to see the status of the river and surrounding properties.
- A notice to adjoining property owners of the well permit renewal for the new Town Office/Library site
- A report to the Board from the Volunteer Fire Department regarding their progress on firehouse planning and design
- Email from Nora Rubinstein regarding national concern over cybersecurity issues for towns nationwide.
- Email from David Wright regarding danger of Hepatitis A for transfer station and highway employees.

**Board Orders:** H. Childress moved to approve the board orders, with the provision that we will hold the payment to JCB Finance for the backhoe until after a satisfactory meeting on bucket repair; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Other Business:** T. Redfield has been working with a local family to resolve a private burial permit.

**Adjourn:** H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk