

**Selectboard Regular Meeting • November 14, 2019**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Selectboard Present:** Herb Childress, Chris Fenton, Carl Haynes, Patty Kenyon, Terry Redfield

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

**Public Present:** Joe Gunter

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

*Vote on Tuesday!*

**Minutes:** T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Public:** Joe Gunter has questions about our transfer station project, and would like to offer assistance in whatever way he can. Fair Haven just went through a bond vote for \$6.5M, and five people showed up to their information meeting. They're examining the 1% municipal additional sales tax as a means of helping to finance projects, and Joe had done some basic arithmetic to show that it might raise ± \$20,000 a year, enough to account for the maintenance account.

He also mentioned a state grant program that assists new or growing businesses, and will forward that information to our Board.

**Highway:** Bill provided the request form for reimbursement for the \$140,000 we had been awarded for the West Street paving. C. Haynes moved to sign the request for reimbursement H. Childress 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Bill will be soon applying for a Better Back Roads grant to replace a major culvert on the far northern stretch of Spruce Knob Road. The deadline has moved up on that program, and we will need to complete work for reimbursement by late June 2020.

LifTech came today to repair the hydraulic systems on the backhoe, but made no contact with the road crew. The repairs seem to be complete, but Bill will wait to verify with them before attempting to operate the machine.

We continue to be run around with warranty issues on the bucket, which seems to not be a JCB original equipment but rather an aftermarket item installed before purchase by LifTech without our knowledge. However, LifTech has said that we need to be in contact with JCB about that warranty; we will ask Gary Kupferer to intervene in the confusion/runaround.

**Town Lands:** We had a successful informational meeting last night in preparation for next week's financing vote. There is much planning work to be done on each of the projects before construction can begin.

**Solid Waste:** Terry has been working with SWAC to determine how homeowners can most safely dispose of portable propane tanks. More information to come.

**Correspondence:**

- VLCT News
- Notice of town report services from Accura Printing
- 2020 Town Meeting funding requests from Pleasant View Cemetery Association (\$1500), BROCC (\$200), Visiting Nurses Association/Hospice (\$1500), all level with 2019
- Notice of annual dues from RRPC (\$975), level with 2019
- [e-mail] annual report and request from VT Assn of the Blind and Visually Impaired: \$300, level with 2019
- [e-mail] request from Randy Kniffen to address the dead tree at 119 Spruce Knob
- [e-mail] a variety of documents from Jonathan Gibson of Shrewsbury, with regards to the VT E/911 issues with fiber optic service

**Board Orders:** T. Redfield moved to approve the board orders; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Other:** Our next regular meeting is scheduled on Thanksgiving. C. Fenton moved to reschedule that meeting for Tuesday 11/26, T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup>. [*all in favor, motion carried*]

We're encountering some wildlife around town that are suspected to be rabid. The game warden has been alerted, but the state won't test carcasses unless there's been exposure to human or domestic animals. Be alert to animals that appear disoriented or unafraid of people and traffic.

FEMA and VT Emergency Management have approved our 2019 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. This should be reviewed each year at budget season, and reconstructed and re-submitted every five years.

**Policy Review:** We examined a draft of an investment policy provided by the Treasurer. We have questions remaining, and will continue to review.

**Adjourn:** C. Haynes moved to adjourn; H. Childress 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk