

**Selectboard Regular Meeting • October 10, 2019**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Selectboard Present:** Herb Childress, Chris Fenton, Patty Kenyon, Terry Redfield  
**Town Officers Present:** Town Clerk Laura Castle; Road Foreman Bill Reed  
**Public Present:** Ed Bove, Rutland Regional Planning Commission; Don Hemenway.  
**Called to order:** 7:02 p.m.

*A pretty year for color... get out there in the next couple of days.*

**Minutes:** T. Redfield moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 26<sup>th</sup> regular and October 3<sup>rd</sup> special meetings as amended; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*]

**Public:** Ed Bove stopped in to re-introduce himself, and we had a long talk about RRPC's possible assistance with the Town's building projects. The Board offered appreciation for the assistance that RRPC has provided in recent years, and gave special thanks to Steffanie Bourque, Devon Neary, and Barbara Noyes.

**Town Officers:** Town Clerk Castle went through a Secretary of State's online cybersecurity training today. The town of Norwich just lost \$250,000 to an online scam, so this is an increasingly important part of responsible Town governance.

**Highway:** We can move forward with some engineering study work on road reconstruction on Daisy Hollow Road. We will accept assistance offered by VTRANS.

Spruce Knob rebuilding has been slowed due to low availability of trucks for materials. We anticipate completion in this coming week.

Fuller Sand & Gravel will do a site inspection of the gravel shouldering and driveway transitions from their paving projects, and more work will be done to level drop-offs and driveway lips.

JCB/Liftech are still negotiating about the new/repared bucket. It has been a most unsatisfactory relationship, and Liftech has not stood behind their components in the ways that they had promised.

Winter preparations (equipment and materials) have begun, and we're almost ready for our first snow. (Not, like, *emotionally* ready, but *logistically* ready.)

**Town Lands:** The Building Committee has published the executive summary of the fundraising feasibility study, as well as their response to it. It's available on the town's website for review.

Otter Creek Engineering has provided their 90% report on the West Street scoping study. The highlights:

- No problems foreseen in getting building project permitting on West Street
- The bridge causes enough restriction of water flow that FEMA may not be likely to rezone much of the flood zone. But the bridge is in decent enough shape that VTRANS isn't likely to want to rebuilt it. If we build within the flood zone (which we can), we'll need to build flood-resilient structures, and Otter Creek has made recommendations about that.
- All three proposed projects can be accommodated responsibly on that site, and Otter Creek has proposed two alternative site plans.

We will post the 90% report on the Town website within the next week. The Selectboard Clerk will provide the electronic version on request as well.

**Solid Waste:** Large waste and metal day was again a success, netting \$467 for disposal fees (roughly half the cost of the event).

The SWAC hazardous waste collection event is Saturday October 12, 9 to noon, at the Rutland Town transfer station. This has been posted on Front Porch Forum as well.

#### **Correspondence:**

- Renewal of water permit for the town office/library site from Department of Environmental Conservation
- Young at Heart Senior Center request to consider adding them to Spring 2020 ballot
- ARC request for Town meeting — \$500
- VT dam safety workshop November 5
- FEMA Otter Creek Watershed mapping project meeting, October 29 and October 30.
- Announcement of 2020 Blue Cross rates: \$775.60 per month
- [e-mail] a request by Jonathan Gibson of Wallingford that the Town add our voice to the improvement of 911 phone service during power outages. P. Kenyon suggested that VTEL be required to give accurate battery service estimates; provide automatic battery replacement or send timely reminders to replace; and making old-school unpowered phones available to their customers so that wireless base units that require electrical power aren't the only phones that residents have available.

**Board Orders:** H. Childress moved to approve the board orders; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. H. Childress moved to approve the supplemental board order for paying Fuller Sand & Gravel for the West Street paving project; T. Redfield 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*]

**Legal:** H. Childress moved to hold an election on Tuesday November 19, 2019 for the purpose of asking the voters to approve borrowing for Town facilities; to hold an informational meeting prior to that election on the evening of Wednesday November 13; and to approve the warning of that election; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*].

**Adjourn:** H. Childress moved to adjourn; C. Fenton 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*all in favor, motion carried*].  
Meeting adjourned 10:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk