

Select Board Meeting, Monday, September 26th, 2016 in the Cavendish Town Office
Meeting Room at 6:00 pm

Present: Bob Glidden (Chairman), George Timko, Mike Ripley, Wendy Regier, Rich Svec (Town Manager), Bruce McEnaney (Assistant to the Town Manager), Jen Leak (Recording Secretary), and citizens as listed on the attached sheet.

Absent: Jill Flinn

1. Call the meeting to order

Bob Glidden called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Follow up to Item #2 from the Select Board meeting of 09/14/16 - consider a catering application for an event at the Inn at Glimmerstone for October 8, 2016.

Rich reminded the Board that approval of this catering application was deferred from the last Select Board meeting on September 14th. In addition to the October 8th event, Mary Jane just this night submitted another application for a rehearsal dinner on October 7th.

George asked if there were any comments about the events held over the past several weeks since the September 14th meeting. Rich reported that Jill Flinn had gone by Glimmerstone and reported that the barn doors were closed and things seemed in order. Bob said that he also heard that there were no problems. Ed Garrow, who was present, said he was happy to say that he had no issues with the recent events.

George Timko moved to approve a Request to Cater Malt, Vinous and/or Spirituous Liquors for the Inn at Glimmerstone Mansion, wedding rehearsal dinner, on Friday, October 7, 2016, from 4-9 p.m., for 50 people, and a Request to Cater Malt, Vinous and/or Spirituous Liquors for the Inn at Glimmerstone Mansion, wedding cocktail hour and reception, on Saturday, October 8, 2016, from 3 p.m.-midnight, for 75 people. Bob Glidden seconded. Wendy said she had looked at the HomeAway website where Mary Jane advertises. She said that HomeAway does not provide a contract, but rather the owner and renter need to work out their own contracts. Mary Jane agreed that was the case. Wendy said that she also read Mary Jane's reviews, and two mentioned how wonderful the fireworks were. She thought that other parties might read those and think that fireworks were allowed, so she suggested that a "no fireworks policy" should be made clear. Chris Blanchard, Mary Jane's attorney who was present, clarified that, in the most recent fireworks display, it was the bride and not Mary Jane who applied for and was denied the fireworks permit. Mary Jane added that all her parties have been notified of the no fireworks policy. *Wendy Regier, George Timko, and Bob Glidden voted in favor. Mike Ripley voted against.* The permits were approved.

3. Town manager to discuss a road problem on Town Highway #43, Bonts Hill Rd

Rich said that Dr. Bont had mentioned a pothole problem on this road, which serves his house as well as two others which are located at the beginning of the road near the intersection with Main

Street. It is a steep road, with a very steep bank on the south side above the houses on Main Street. Part of this bank has fallen away, and there is a sinkhole developing along the edge where there was an old, three foot wide, sidewalk. Rich said he thought it has probably been degrading for a time but has recently gotten much worse.

Rich, Bruce and Bob Bazin looked at the site together last week. Bob suggested a redi-rock (concrete) block wall, which would cost about \$50,000, but is, in Bazin's opinion, the most cost effective option. The retaining wall at the north side appears sound so Bob Bazin suggested leaving it alone. Rich had the highway department place a row of cones along the damaged section to keep cars away from the holes.

Bruce commented that the repairs need to be completed this fall, since the town snowplows cannot plow the road in its current condition. Rich said he would like to hurry the process along by contacting area contractors directly, rather than putting out a formal request for proposals since the construction season is ending. Rich said that Dr. Bont has cleared a path to access his property from the cemetery road, wide enough for a car, which the Bonts could use during construction. Bob Glidden questioned whether emergency vehicles could use this alternate path. Rich suggested that, if the Select Board agreed, the town tractor could mow the path wide enough for the ambulance. Rich also noted that, while not ideal, fire hoses could be dragged past the construction area in order to provide fire protection to the Bonts' house from the Bonds Hill Road side.

Rich said the biggest dilemma is how to pay for the repairs, since it is a large, unplanned, unbudgeted, expense. Rich said he will keep the Board updated on the progress of this project.

4. VLCT Municipal Assistance Center progress report on advertisement for town manager position.

Rich said he was hoping to have an up-to-date report from VLCT, but he did not hear from them today. He said that, as of last week, there were 26 applications and there appeared to be at least several good candidates. Mike and Rich agreed to call VLCT together tomorrow, and make arrangements for the Board members to get copies of the applications this week. The Board agreed to meet on Monday, October 3rd, at 5 p.m. to start reviewing applications. Rich said that he would prepare packets for the Board review.

Mike informed the Board that he has a conflict on October 17th and will not be able to make the regular monthly Select Board meeting scheduled for that night which is also the public hearing on the Flood Hazard Area Regulations.

Wendy said she had one item she wanted to discuss. She said that the Brook Farm Winery signs have been up at several locations in town all week, and are not legal. George added that there are signs for several other businesses placed on the roadsides around town, including several businesses accessed by Depot Street in Proctorsville where the bridge is closed. Bruce said he thought that those signs were justified while the bridge is closed. Rich cautioned that the Town should not sanction violations of the State sign laws – it is not our jurisdiction. Wendy thought that it would be more appropriate for the winery signs to be up on the days they are holding events, and should not be left up all week. She suggested that the winery owners might come to a Select Board meeting to discuss the issue.

5. Adjourn

George Timko moved/Mike Ripley seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. All voted in favor.

Minutes Approved: _____

Date: _____