

Town of Bakersfield
Bakersfield VT
Regular Meeting of the Select Board
Bakersfield Town Hall
Monday, July 13, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Lance Lawyer	Kathy Westcom	David Ovitt
Kim Ovitt	William Newett	Mark Allen
Eric Jessiman	Brian Westcom	Dan Conner
Ken Carter	Paul Luneau	Ivan Stone

Agenda

1. Consent Agenda

a. Previous Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting were tabled until next meeting. We will need to read and approve two meetings worth of minutes.

b. Reports/Warrants

Road Commissioners Orders	\$ 16,133.92
Selectmen's Orders	\$ 22,166.73
Selectmen's Orders-Equipment Repair	\$ 2,621.21
Selectmen's Orders-BCC	\$ 140.30

c. Finance

The Town Park usage payments will be deposited directly into the Bakersfield Conservation Committee account. All checks will be made out to the Bakersfield Conservation Commission.

The tax rate was approved by the Select Board

Warrant # 1+2-2015 was amended and approved by both Lance and Mac. The warrant amount changed from \$ 8,479.00 to \$ 8,493.00.

d. Other

2. Visitors

a. Ken Carter

Planning Commission wanted to set an appointment to meet with the Select Board and to warn an Open Public Hearing for the Town Plan draft. The Select Board agreed to schedule the meeting for September 14th at 7:00pm. The Select Board will have their previously scheduled meeting on the same night but to begin at 6:00pm instead of 7:00pm.

In preparation for the public hearing, the Select Board has agreed to review the Town Plan and have ready any changes, corrections or additions ready the end of the week of July 13th so an emergency meeting can be scheduled for next week should there be a need.

b. Paul Luneau

Brought to the attention of the Select Board that there is debris and damage to the culvert by water drainage that has washed out King's Hill Road above Sam Hudson's camp. Mr. Luneau is requesting help with raw materials to get the problem fixed. Will dig out the debris in the river bed and fix the culvert so that the water gets directed to the correct drainage outlets. Lance stated that the town is not responsible for care and maintenance of Class 4 roads.

It was recommended by the Select Board that Mr. Luneau may look to other members of the community for possible assistance. Due to the archaeological and natural resources in above defined area which are accessible to the public, it was suggested that Mr. Luneau might approach both the Bakersfield Conservation Commission and the Bakersfield Historical Society to see what resources they may be able to make available to him. Kathy provided Mr. Luneau with Dorothy Allards contact information as well as the President of the BHS name.

c. Ivan Stone

Mr. Stone wanted to voice his concerns about the Solid Waste site in the town of Bakersfield at the old fire station. He feels the recycling site is not appropriate for the center of town. There is concern that the site is not well maintained, and that it makes the town look ugly. Mr. Stone would like for the town to consider an alternative location. He suggested the old school site beside the Historical Society. There was some brainstorming about alternative site possibilities outside of town. The Select Board requested

the attendance of Mr. Domina, from The Northwest Solid Waste District to the next Board Meeting on July 27th to discuss this further.

d. Dan Conner

Mr. Conner received an email from a concerned citizen regarding the use of ATV's in town. See attachments to minutes. The email discusses specific concerns regarding the use of ATV's on public roads and on the school playground. Mr. Conner responded with an email back. See attachments to minutes.

The Select Board addressed the fact that there are Town and State ordinances that clearly identify the rules for operating ATV's and these are not being followed or enforced. There is nothing the Town can do to enforce these ordinances without the help and support of the local Sheriff and the State Police.

3. Road

a. Road Report

The road crew has been working at the bottom of the hill on the road by Rose Allen's house. A road work sign was placed along the road by Rose Allen's house to identify that road work was in progress. While the crew was working at the bottom of the road a vehicle came over the top of the hill and was not prepared to stop. They ended up in a ditch to the side.

A citizen who has been hunting on the gravel pit land, called David to ask if the Town was going to post this land. The Select Board discussed it briefly and determined further information was required. The Board will look into the State requirements regarding open land/open access guidelines before taking back up this issue.

4. Board Business

- a. Appointments for open positions/recurring positions (ongoing until filled)
- b. Set Future Agenda

Barry Domina from Northwest Solid Waste District
File Storage for Town records

c. Other

The Select Board requested updated information from Kathy regarding extended storage needs. Will revisit this next meeting as Kathy had already left for the night by the time the topic came up for discussion.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm.

