

**Town of Bakersfield**  
**Bakersfield VT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Select Board**  
**Bakersfield Town Hall**  
**Monday, March 14, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Brian Westcom

David Ovitt

Lance Lawyer

Kim Ovitt

Mark Allen

Kathy Westcom

Marc Roberts

Dan Connor

Eric Jessman

Sharon Lawyer

Bill Irwin

**Agenda**

**1. Consent Agenda**

a. Previous Minutes

Minutes from February 22, 2016 meeting accepted.

b. Reports/Warrants

Road Commissioners Orders \$ 31,483.82

Selectmen's Orders \$ 5,393.82

BCA Orders \$ 912.09

c. Finance

Signatures required for Building Use Agreement: Party Caucus, April 2, 2016 from 2-6pm. Requested by Euan Bear.

d. Other

Lance made a motion to nominate Brian Westcom for Chairman of the Select Board, second by David. The motion passed with Brian elected as Chair of the Select Board.

**2. Visitors**

Rachel Huff-Community Center

Rachel did not attend the meeting. Kathy represented Rachel in her request. The Community Center would like to take the Fooze Ball table from upstairs if that is

okay with the town. The Select Board has agreed that it would be great if the Community Center could make use of it.

#### Kathy-Office Equipment

New office equipment request:

5-6 Chairs at ~ \$60.00 per chair

A desktop or laptop computer for Treasurer

An all-in-one printer

#### Dan Conner-Observer

Mr. Connor wanted to sit in on the meeting to catch up with activities in town and to be of assistance for any current questions or concerns. He did update the Select Board on a few items currently on his agenda:

1. Response document of comments on Draft 1 of the Required Agricultural Practices regarding Act 64- The Vermont Clean Water Act.
2. Provided copies of the second draft of the Required Agricultural Practices Rules for The Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program.
3. Informed the board that another draft will come out later in the summer and will allow for further public comment at that time.
4. The Agency of Agriculture website has some very good information regarding Act 64 as well as links to Grant Programs that local enterprises may want to visit to learn about financial assistance to help with compliance.
5. Mr. Connor indicated that there is no movement on ATV ordinances at the State level but he would personally place this concern back on his "hot" list and off of his "backburner".

#### Bill Irwin-Renewal of Village Center Designation Grant

Mr. Irwin of the Planning Commission has requested authorization from the town, to approve moving forward with submission of the Grant for Renewal of Village Center Designation for Bakersfield Village. Lance made the motion to sign the document stating that the Select Board of the Town of Bakersfield Vermont authorizes the application by the Northwest Regional Planning Commission and Bakersfield Planning Commission for renewal of the Bakersfield Village Center Designation. Brian Westcom seconded the motion. The motion passed. A copy of this document is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. Irwin also mentioned that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 4, 2016 at 7:00pm. An Environmental Dept. representative will be at the meeting to talk about water runoff and other concerns regarding impact of Act 64 on local entities.

Kathy informed Mr. Irwin that current copies of the Tax Parcel Maps are dated 2005 and need to be updated.

## Sharon Lawyer-Pastoral change at Church

Sharon was asked to come to the Select Board members to complete a questionnaire pertaining to the Pastoral change that is occurring with the United Church of Bakersfield and Fairfield.

1. What are the concerns and needs in the Town?
  - a. Need to get teens more involved in the community of the town, how best to accomplish this.
  - b. Transportation for Elderly that allows for travel outside of the immediate town.
2. What can the congregation do to help the community?
  - a. Cell tower in the Church steeple

## Eric Jessman-Animal Control

Eric updated the Board on a few owners who still have not registered dogs where there have been incidents over the past few weeks.

1. Audrey Hazelton said she would get her dog registered this past week 3/8/16 but as of 3/14/16 still has not done so.
2. The Barry's still have not registered their dogs as Eric had requested over a month ago.

## 3. Road

### a. Road Report

The road department will place new "No Parking" signage up at the entrance and the top of the hill by the Historical Society

## 4. Board Business

### a. Appointments for open positions/recurring positions (ongoing until filled)

Appointments were tabled until next meeting on March 28, 2016. Contact will be made with those individuals whose names have been submitted to ensure they are interested in the appointment, prior to this meeting.

### b. Rutland Resolution-The Select Board signed the resolution and sent it in.

### c. Future Agenda

### d. Other

ATV concerns from March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> weekend activities. The Historical Society parking lot and the top of the hill behind the building are a mess. There were approximately 36 vehicles that came to town to participate in an ATV ride. The majority of these vehicles parked over behind the Historical Society building. As a result of this activity and the warm weather, there are deep ruts and tire tracks all over the area. It is one big muddy mess. There were beer cans and bottles also found around the area, as well as mud slung up against the outside walls. The Board drafted a

letter to be sent to VASA representatives, Mr. Rocque and Mr. Curtis. We are requesting their help in finding a solution to this problem including repairs to the parking area as well as monitoring future use. Pictures were taken and sent along with the letter. A copy of the letter as well as photos is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm