

Town of Bakersfield
Bakersfield VT
Regular Meeting of the Select Board
Bakersfield Town Hall
Tuesday, May 26, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Lance Lawyer

Kathy Westcom

David Ovitt

Kim Ovitt

William Newett

Marc Robert

Eric Jessiman

Dorothy Allard

Larry Krieger

Vera Lawyer

Agenda

1. Consent Agenda

a. Previous Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted

b. Reports/Warrants

Road Commissioners Orders

\$ 12,616.02

Selectmen's Orders

\$ 17,213.52

Selectmen's Orders-Equipment Repair

\$ 1,627.73

Selectmen's Orders-BCC

\$ 189.35

c. Finance

d. Other

2. Visitors

a. Dorothy Allard-BCC report

Quarterly Report, 1st Quarter presented to the Select Board. Bakersfield Conservation Commission 2015 Projected Plan for 2015 was also presented. See attached.

Dorothy asked if the signage by the walking trail through the ball park could be altered to make sure people understood the conservation trail was open. The current ATV signage makes it sound like the trail is closed to walkers.

b. Eric Jessiman-Animal Control

Eric impounded two dogs last week. There was a complaint about dogs running loose around Trobridge Road, getting into the residents chicken space and making threatening moves towards the resident when he tried to get the dogs away. Neither dog was licensed. One dog was vaccinated the other was not. Eric told the dog owners he would not release the dogs until they could show proof of license. The owners spoke with the Town Clerk and said she had an appointment the next morning for the dog to get vaccinated and would come into get the license once that was complete. Upon her word to get these items taken care of by the time indicated, the end of May, Eric released the dogs to the owners in good faith. At this time there is no record that the license has been obtained.

Next steps agreed to by the Select Board will be to wait until the end of the month and contact the owner of the dogs to confirm license has been obtained. If it has not been, a registered letter will be sent and the dogs will be impounded and taken to the Humane Society.

Eric recommends that even if the dog gets licensed, and the town gets another complaint, the dog should be impounded and taken down to the Humane Society. There have been too many complaints already about this particular loose dog.

The Select Board discussed the possibility of placing the kennel inside of North Station to allow for some protection from the elements for overnight impounding. Mac agreed that it is possible but more discussion needs to be considered.

The Select Board extended their appreciation to Eric for all that he does for the Town and as the Animal Control Officer.

Eric requests an update on the Hennessey Road situation. There is nothing new to report

c. Kathy Westcom-Storage and old equipment

Kathy would like to purchase a laser printer that is in the Town Hall that has not been used for years. Wants to know how much the Town will sell it to her for? The printer came to the Town free a few years ago as part of a grant for some new computers. The Select Board agreed that Kathy would make a donation to the Town.

Vera and Kathy brought concerns to the Board regarding storage space in the vault. There is very little room left in the vault for new records. Could a space be built upstairs in the Town Hall that could be locked and back records stored there? Lance requested that Vera and Kathy research the following questions and present them at the next meeting:

Definite size needed? How much more room do you need? Can the space be made of wood? Does the storage space need to be fire proof?

Once we have the answers to these questions we can get quotes for doing the work or we may decide to do it ourselves.

Place this on the Agenda for next meeting

d. Larry Krieger

Porto-lets are coming and getting placed in the designated areas. Requested \$90.00 for the town to cover the cost, the same as it was last year. Lance made a motion to keep the agreement the same and pay the \$90.00 to cover cost of Porto-lets. Motion passed.

3. Road

a. Road Report

Signatures:

Application for Access/Right of Way Permit-Boardman final signatures.

Review of Trobrige Road culvert replacement: Eric and David suggested possibly removing the large tree that is the main concern surrounding the integrity of the culvert. If the grant to have the culvert removed is approved the tree will need to be replaced anyway. If the Town could

solve the problem simply by cutting down the tree that would be a simpler solution.

Eric will speak with the property owner where the tree is located regarding its removal.

If the tree can be removed without causing damage to public property, phone, electric, etc. or private property, the Select Board suggests we direct the Road Commissioner to remove it.

Mac and Mark need to come up with a written response to the letter sent by the state regarding actions at the gravel pit.

b. Cook Cemetery

A bill came through to pay Ross Allen for maintenance at the Cook Cemetery. The Select Board is not aware of having signed an agreement/contract for the work to be done in 2015. Kathy needs to check to see if a contract was signed and what the agreement is. The Select Board also wants to know the specifics of what is covered in the contract. If there is no signed contract at this time, please have that ready for the next meeting.

- c. Mr. Ovitt wants to know if it is ok to remove some sap bucket covers from the building on the gravel pit land. What would the Town charge him for them? The Select Board agreed that Mr. Ovitt would make a donation to the town.
- d. Derek Krieger- Registered letter was never accepted by Mr. Krieger. Mr. Ovitt will meet with the Town Clerk to compose a letter establishing an acceptable method of payment due to the town. A recommendation was made by the Select Board for a donation to be made to the town in lieu of payment to Mr. Derek Krieger for Fireworks that will be provided for the Fourth of July Celebration. The donation will be the sum total of what Mr. Krieger owes.

4. Board Business

- a. RDAG, Subordinate Mortgage
- b. Appointments for open positions/recurring positions (ongoing until filled)
Tabled until next meeting.
- c. Set Future Agenda
- d. Other

Meeting closed at 8:55 pm.

Bakersfield Conservation Commission (BCC)

Quarterly Report to the Selectboard, 1st Quarter 2015

The BCC has seven members and two vacancies. Kim Ovitt would like to be appointed to the commission, and if appointed we will have eight members and one vacancy. We welcome anyone else interested in being appointed. The commission usually meets on the last Monday of the month at 1 pm.

Town Park: Our annual clean-up event is scheduled for May 2.

Social media: we continue upkeep of the web site, www.ourbakersfield.org. We are posting our agenda and minutes to the web site. We now have 91 likes on Facebook; check out our Facebook page for photos of our activities. We are using Front Porch Forum to advertise our events, as well.

Bakersfield Community Trails: We hosted a snowshoe and potluck on the Shattuck Mountain Trail in February; it was well-attended and gave the participants a good workout as the snow was deep! We continue to discuss ways to expand our trail system.

Other: We showed the film Eating Alaska in January and it was well attended. Doug Flack led a discussion about local food after the film.

Outstanding grant applications: None.

Financials: Our current balance is \$2786.11. There were no expenses or income this quarter, but we anticipate some small expenditures for web site maintenance and VT Association of Conservation Commissions membership in the next quarter.

Bakersfield Conservation Commission
2015 Project Plan
April 27, 2015

Town Park activities

- May 2: Annual Park Clean-up Day.
- May 2: Check trail for notable stops. Put up signs later.
- Secure barn for the winter. **November, Larry.**
- Monitor beaver activity along the stream. Pat, Eric.
- Remove invasive species. **Alice and Dorothy.** August.
- Portalet installation. June-September. **Larry.**
- Remap proposed loop trail to stay within park boundaries.
- Musical events. **Pat and Larry.** June-August.
- Start raising money to do initial work on the barn.
- Add informative materials to kiosk, including EAB poster.

Bakersfield Community Trails

- Mow Ball Park Trail regularly. **Pat, Eric, Larry.**
- Make Shattuck Mountain trail map. **Dorothy.**
- Mark rerouted section of trail with new markers, and update trail markers for loop section.
- Adapt Nancy Hunt's map for a trail map for Old Stagecoach Trail. **Dorothy.**
- Clear brush off Shattuck Mt. Trail regularly. **Dorothy and Bill.**
- Host a trail walk on the Shattuck Mt. trails. June.
- Follow up on connecting gravel pit property with Reiner property with trails.

Web page and other social media

- Maintain web page. Add minutes regularly; add new news items; add photos, add past sponsors. Put in map page. Carolyn, Dorothy.
- Maintain Facebook page. Carolyn.

Emerald Ash Borer project

- Poster and brochures in entry way of Historical Society or Town Hall for 4th July or on kiosk.

Winter Film

- Work with library to choose film.
- Screen films.
- Advertise film.
- Prepare town hall.
- January film showing.