

Vershire Selectboard Minutes for 6/22/2021 approved at 7/6/meeting

**In Attendance:** Vernal Stone-Chair, Ken Bushey, Tonya Gunn, Gene Craft-Admin. Asst., Nicole White-Fogarty-Sec'y Sub, Guests: Debra Kingsbury, Ethel Pike, Reva Seybolt, Mark Mckee, Steve Atwood HO

Vernal Stone called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Stone asked if there were any revisions to the agenda. Craft added a discussion about the future meeting site, Steve Atwood Health Officer, ARPA and purchasing technology for meeting .

**Town Roads Report:** Lyford was unable to attend, look for an update at the next meeting.

**Highway Garage Update:** Craft recap on town speaking with Tom Barden. To be discussed in the future at the next meeting.

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for 6/8 were approved. Stone motioned to approve the warrants, Gunn second. Orders were reviewed and will be signed when the Board members can access the town office.

**New Business:**

**Town Center Shed Future:** Seybolt shared that the shed has been cleaned out by the Town Center Building Committee during their work day on 6/19. VerShare had used the shed for tent and supplies storage which are now being stored at the Mountain School. Seybolt inquired what future plans were for the shed as a tree had fallen on it causing a hole in the roof. Gunn motioned to have Ethel Pike inquire with VerShare if they have any interest in fixing the shed for storage at their next meeting on 7/6, Stone seconded and will revisit at a later date.

**Town Center Security:** Craft shared concern over Town Center Building (TCB) access and maintaining building security. Gunn and Seybolt stated they would make sure the building is secure after Food Shelf activities. Stone recommended that the back food shelf storage room be locked and the Food Shelf will be issued a key. Craft stated the TCB is scheduled to be rented this summer.

**Town Committee, Rec. Committee and Garage Display Table at V.DAY:** Gunn inquired if tables may be set up in the upstairs main hall of the TCB for the different town committees to share information along with display future Town Highway Garage building plans. Gunn will reach out to the Energy Committee to see if they are interested in also setting up a display. Pike recommended placing Highway Garage maps in protective sleeves to be hung on the wall. Stone motions to approve the committees to set up displays upstairs, Gunn seconded.

Atwood, Town Health Officer, inquired if he could seek setting up a Covid vaccine clinic on Vershire Day. Stone motioned to approve Atwood to look into offering Covid vaccines on Vershire Day, Bushey seconded.

**Sargent Rental Update:** Stone stated he had completed a walk through with the tenant at the house on 815 Vershire Center Road. Tenant had left a piano and the storm door closer had been damaged from wind. Stone is looking into the cost to replace closer and will fit it. Gunn showed interest in removing the piano. Stone motioned to return the security deposit minus cost of repairs, Bushey seconded. Craft updated that he had been in contact with DHMC about the interest in renting the house on 815 Vershire Center Road for new staff. Craft shared that it would be a shorter lease agreement. Stone moved that the building should stay vacant allowing the town to start working on the grounds, all were in favor to discuss further at a later date. Pike supported the motion as it would allow Highway Crew to start removing dead trees, transplant trees to buffer zone and re-stake driveway and building site. Stone had received interest from Will Bricker to mow at 815 Vershire Center Road and motioned to approve, Bushey seconded.

McKee offered to write an article for the newsletter about town improvements and share highlights around town. Stone motioned to have McKee write up a letter about Vershire, Gunn seconds. McKee questions what is happening with the property on Durgin Hill. Craft states he has not heard back on wastewater permits and septic design. McKee offers to be the contact person, as Highway Garage Planning committee member, to try and get these plans finalized. Gunn motions to approve McKee to assist in getting the septic design for the Durgin Hill property, Bushey seconds.

**Future Meeting site, Technology and ARPA:** Craft has been looking into equipment for Vershire to be able to offer zoom and in-person meetings. Determining the proper location to hold meetings will depend upon what equipment is available and how many attend in-person. Additionally, looking into proper ventilation for the Town Office and TCB. Stone suggested looking into ultraviolet light, portable filters, that can be set up in different buildings. Stone and Gunn will look into finding more information for a later date. Stone moved to approve Craft in purchasing up to \$4000 in technology equipment, Gunn seconded. Craft is applying for the ARPA fund to assist. Stone moves to table discussion of meeting location until technology equipment is set up, Bushey seconded.

**Old/Unfinished Business;**

**Town Center Building Committee Update:** White-Fogarty stated the group had worked on the playground raking wood chips and tightening play structure bolts. The broken steering wheel on the play structure was removed and was requested to be replaced. Gunn motioned to approve White-Fogarty to replace the broken steering wheel, Bushey seconded. Wood chips need to be replaced, White-Fogarty will look into where they can be sourced. Bushey inquired about the front stone being cleaned and replacing flags. Craft provided the Town Center Building Committee with a new American and Vermont flag. Craft stated the Cemetery Committee has been in contact with a stone clearer and will inquire about getting TCB stone cleaned.

**Vershire Day Plan:** Craft stated that a town newsletter is in the works to go out prior to Vershire Day detailing scheduled events, encouraging people to view community committees tables and Highway Garage plans. Craft asked Pike to provide information on behalf of Vershare. Gunn will be in contact with Mountain School about dropping the Vershare tent off for Vershire Day.

Gunn motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bushey 2nd meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.