

Town Administrator's Report for Selectboard Meeting on January 23, 2017

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom

WCVT has submitted a request to install fiber optic cable along Association Way on Thompson's Point. This request is in the form of a petition because the location is within a town highway right-of-way. Junior and Steve Williams have reviewed it and have indicated it is acceptable.

UVM Cycling Club-Event

Charles Mandel, a UVM student, has submitted an application on behalf of the UVM Cycling Club for an intercollegiate bicycling event on April 2nd. The location is the same as previous years, although the UVM Club has obtained approval from the property owner to use Spear parcel at the intersection of Route 7 and Church Hill Road for vehicle parking and a starting location. The map of the course (included in the packet) indicates that police officers and course marshals will be stationed at road intersections on the course. I have asked Charles for a written confirmation from the police department that he will be contracting with. The application indicates that the UVM Club is "for profit". If this is indeed the case, it has been the practice to request a donation of \$5/participant from the event organizer, which goes towards recreation program scholarships for eligible Charlotte families.

FY18 Budget

Edits have been made to the budget as approved at the Selectboard meeting on January 9, and to incorporate a 0.8% cost of living increase in accordance with the Salary Administration Policy.

A potential additional item for the budget is to include money to pay for a reappraisal of the lots on Thompson's Point. Last year's town-wide reappraisal only included the camps, not the lots. A request has been made to Ed Clodfelter to (1) make a recommendation as to whether a reappraisal is needed, and (2) if one is needed, provide a cost estimate. This could be in the range of \$3,000-\$5,000. I expect we'll hear back by Monday.

There has been some discussion of lowering the allocation to the Fire and Rescue Reserve Fund, since the current plan is to bond 100% for planned apparatus purchases. The fund spreadsheet has been reworked to show this. The spreadsheet indicates that deposits into the fund of \$120,000 annually for the next seven years will keep the fund's balance positive, though it will be reduced to a very small balance. There will likely be additional equipment purchases needed—but some of the apparatus purchases may be pushed out a little. So reducing the contribution to the fund to \$120,000 for 3-5 years seems appropriate at this point, and then the Selectboard can reassess at that time.

Warning for Town Meeting, 2017

The Town Attorney (Joe McLean) reviewed the edits and made some additional recommendations, as indicated in the packet. Additionally, he requested review of the bond article by Bob Fletcher, who is another attorney in the office. Their recommendation, as indicated, is to just provide the total of the bond amount in Article 12.

I also ran an “advance warning” for the April budget vote via Australian ballot by the attorney. He indicated the version that is in the packet is acceptable—this can be included in the Town Report. He suggested that the advance warning not include an article for the potential amendment of the Land Use Regulations, since it's not known at this time whether that vote will absolutely occur at the same time as the April budget vote. The vote on the amendment to the Land Use Regulations can be legally warned after the Selectboard's hearing on February 13th.

Schedule

- The bond vote requires an information hearing. It's suggested that be held on Monday **March 6th** at the school at 6 p.m., prior to the CCS informational hearing.
- It seems a suitable date for the Australian ballot vote on the budget (as per the charter) would be Tuesday **April 11th**. This date is ok with Mary. This would be for all-day voting at the school; no floor meeting.
- The Australian ballot vote on April 11th requires an informational hearing—it seems this could be held on Thursday **April 6th** at 6 p.m. at CCS.

The Selectboard should affirm these dates because notices need to be posted and/or published for each of these.

Resolution for bond vote

24 V.S.A. §1755 requires a “resolution” be adopted when bonding. The statute indicates the Selectboard shall determine by resolution that “the public interest or necessity demands improvements, and the cost of the same will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue...”

2016 Town Report

A preliminary draft Town Report will be available on Monday. There are still some gaps. The education tax rates and pages from CSSU are supposed to be available on Tuesday January 24th. The FY16 audit of CVFRS has been provided, but the pdf is “protected,” so I'm not able to add it to the Town Report (yet). Page numbers, Table of Contents and Index will be added after the report is complete.

VLCT Special Business Meeting

VLCT is holding a special business meeting to amend its bylaws, as indicated in the notice included in the packet; they are asking towns if they want to delegate representatives to attend to vote on the amendment.

Thompson's Point Lease for Lot 211, 349 Lane's Lane

This is a termination and new lease due to the sale of the camp on Lot 211. This lot is already served by the municipal wastewater system, so there is no need for incorporating the language in the deed requiring connection.