

Town Administrator's Report for Selectboard Meeting on October 24, 2016

Osprey Nesting Pole/Platform—Thompson's Point leaseholders have requested the osprey nesting pole & platform for enjoyment/recreation. The location was modified from where it was originally proposed so that it will not affect the mowing of the field. Staff from Vermont Fish and Wildlife has okayed the site. Green Mountain Power will install the pole and platform if approved by the Selectboard, likely this fall.

Quitclaim Deed for Lease Land (aka "Glebe Land")—Glebe land is a residual interest in land on which the British government established a perpetual lease to support the Church of England. The reason for conveying these rights to Clark Hinsdale, III, who currently owns the land, is that he is proposing to conserve the parcel through a conservation easement to be held by the Vermont Land Trust. A federal government agency that is providing funding for the project requires the parcel to be free and clear of all other interests and rights. The Selectboard also approved a contribution to this project from the town's Conservation Fund.

CVFRS Quarterly Report—The packet includes quarterly financial reports, a post-audit year-end profit/loss statement for the Operating Fund, and the calculation of the Operating Reserve Fund balance.

Tree Warden appointment—with the passing of Larry Hamilton a vacancy was created, for which a notice was posted in accordance with 24 VSA §961. Mark Dillenbeck, one of the Deputy Tree Wardens, has applied to fill the vacancy—his application is included in the packet. Tree Wardens are appointed for one-year terms; this appointment would be to complete the current term ending in March, 2017.

Budget Review—included in the packets are proposed budgets from the Charlotte Park & Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee and the Tree Warden (as drafted by Larry Hamilton). Worksheets that show the FY16 actual expenditures and FY17 year-to-date expenditures are also included.

Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Executive Director's annual meeting with Selectboard—Information from CCRPC is included in the packet.

Letter to Vermont Transportation Board—The board is holding public forums around the state, and has solicited comments on policy related to passenger and freight trains. Chris Davis, the Charlotte Emergency Management Director, has drafted comments that are included in the packet.

Village Wastewater System—The purpose of this agenda item is to schedule discussion of the policy issues related to a wastewater system for the west Charlotte village. A possibility might be a one-hour work-session on November 14th at 6 pm.

Selectboard schedule—The fourth Monday in December is December 26—so I wanted to check that the Selectboard wants to meet on that date.