**Minutes of regular meeting of the Whitingham Selectboard**

**September 28, 2016**

These Minutes shall be accepted into the public record (with any corrections noted)

at a future meeting of the Whitingham Selectboard.

The Whitingham Selectboard held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Selectboard Office of the Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT.

Selectboard members present: Chair, Keith Bronson; Vice Chair, Allan Twitchell; Member, Karl Twitchell.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Administrative Assistant; Stanley Janovsky, Road Commissioner; Almira Aekus, Town Clerk; Phil Edelstein, EDG member; Jim Dassati, Deerfield Valley News.

**Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda.**

Chair, Keith Bronson called the meeting to order at 7:42pm. There were several additions to the agenda: COAD document with Gretchen Havreluk; discuss trash at Ryder Pond; Flood Hazard Mitigation; review and approve Newsletter; review and sign Municipal Planning Grant Resolution; review and sign rental contract for Senior Meals.

**Hearing of Visitors**

No comment.

**Resident interested in purchasing small parcel of town land**

The Selectboard recommended that the interested party first survey their land and perhaps the portion of land they are interested in purchasing. The Board in not interested in occurring any cost with any land transaction. Research will need to be done to find out how the Town acquired the land.

**Flood Hazard Mitigation**

Stanley Janovsky asked the Selectboard to vote to start the process of flood hazard mitigation in the Village of Jacksonville. The project will include a feasibility study, engineering plans and construction of an Overflow Structure, Bypass Channel, Floodplain Storage and possibly removing the cement bridge and replacing the culvert in front of the Municipal Center. **A motion was made by Karl Twitchell to approve starting the process for this project, seconded by Allan Twitchell, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

An article will need to be written for next town meeting to create a fund for Flood Hazard Mitigation.

**“COAD” Gretchen Havreluk**

Mrs. Havreluk did not attend the meeting. This topic was tabled until she can attend a meeting to explain the program.

**Transfer Station**

Keith Bronson signed the Household Hazardous Waste application form for a collection day at the Twin Valley Middle/High School on November 5th from 8am to noon.

The auditors recommended that Transfer Station tokens/punch cards be numbered in order to track sales better. Ms. Aekus indicated that she can easily number them although keeping track of them so far has not been a problem. Karl Twitchell suggested that the auditors are nit-picking in order to show that they are doing their job. Their other suggestions might be addressed in another year. It is better for residents to leave their garbage at the transfer station then to be frustrated by auditor requirements and throw it along the side of a road.

Selectboard members clarified that the recycling roll off boxes belong to WSWMD.

**Approval of Payables Warrant – September 29, 2016**

**A motion was made by Karl Twitchell to approve Payables Warrant W1714 dated September 29, 2016, seconded by Allan Twitchell, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

**Approval of Payroll Warrant – September 29, 2016**

**A motion was made by Karl Twitchell to approve the Payroll Warrant W1713 dated September 29, 2016, seconded by Allan Twitchell, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

**Approval of Minutes of September 14, 2016**

**A motion was made by Karl Twitchell to approve the Minutes of September 14, 2016 including the Vicious Dog Hearing Minutes, as written, seconded by Allan Twitchell, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

**Discuss trash at Ryder Pond**

Mr. Janovsky had already called VTrans about the problem. VTrans indicated they will clean it up.

**Other business / Administrative Assistant – as needed**

1. Sewer upgrades and Flood Hazard Mitigation: Gig notified the Selectboard of the need to include these two projects in the SeVCA annual CEDs and in the Whitingham Town Plan. The Board approved.
2. Newsletter: The Board reviewed and approved the Year End 2016 Newsletter. Gig will print it and get it ready for mailing within the next few days.
3. Municipal Planning Grant Resolution: this document is required for the Planning Commission to apply for a 2017 Planning Grant. The Board reviewed and signed.
4. Rental Contract for Senior Meals: The Board reviewed and signed the rental contract with the Dumaine House to continue Senior Meals at the Municipal Center.

Karl Twitchell spoke to Phil Edelstein about his concern for the participants in the Hungry Lion Bike Tour, he followed a group of riders that took up the whole lane of traffic and even crossed over into the oncoming lane, they weren’t yielding to traffic signs and weren’t allowing vehicles to pass. Mr. Twitchell is concerned that a serious accident could happen and ruin a good event.

Jane Boyd, town nurse, had called Keith Bronson to let him know that she had been in the hospital and is now recovering at home for a few weeks in case anyone calls the town offices wanting the services of the town nurse.

**Adjourn**

**A motion was made by Karl Twitchell to adjourn, seconded by Allan Twitchell all in favor.**

Keith Bronson adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

~Gig Zboray