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### **Agenda**

(please arrive early; time allotted is only an estimate)

Call Meeting to Order Present: Karl Bissex, Peter Youngbaer, Frances Rose Subbiondo, Patti Jamele, Dan Fingas	1 minute
Changes to Agenda None	1 minutes
<b>Announcements</b> Karl: Meeting with FEMA today. Looking at roads off Brook Rd this week. Karl will be joining them and Michael Bingham. Frances Rose: Saturday April 12th there will be a listening circle for Village Expansion as a “feeling space.” Church basement Patti Jemele: Thank you to the Road crew for their work.	5 minutes
Public Comment	10 minutes
<b>Appointments: Town Clerk &amp; Treasurer</b> Karl: Need to reappoint the Town Clerk and Treasurer for a 1 year term.  <b>Motion to re-appoint Bram Towbin as Town Clerk and Josh Pitts as Town Treasurer for the term of 1 year. Made by Patti, second by Peter. Passes in a 5-0-0 vote.</b>	5 minutes
EVEAC Appointments	35 minutes

<p>Karl: Selectboard members divided out folks who had applied from different perspectives. Allow for public comment at the beginning of this section.</p> <p>Michael Birnbaum: How did we divide it up? Answer based on who we were interested in out of the 32 applicants.</p> <p>Frances Rose proposes that 1 of us name the 11 on their list and then mark the ones with overlap. They discuss the ones who are not in common.</p> <p>4 applicants were all lists: Donny Osman, Arion Thiboumery, Lauren Geiger, Rick Burroughs</p> <p>On many lists: Liz Perrault, Kirstie Grant, Kim Madalinski, Jon Hosford,</p> <p>Conversation about skills of those on just 1 or 2 lists.</p> <p>Walker Blackwell agreed to by all 5 selectboard members</p> <p>Vicki McDonald: Peter suggestion for project management, planning experience and long time resident.</p> <p>Discussion between Jared Birchmore and Eli Barlow. Both great candidates. Both spoke to being comfortable on committee of working groups.</p> <p>Jared Birchmore gets support</p> <p><b>Motion to appoint Donny Osman, Arion Thiboumery, Lauren Geiger, Rick Burroughs, Liz Perrault, Kirstie Grant, Kim Madalinski, Jon Hosford, Walker Blackwell, Vicki McDonald, and Jared Birchmore to a 1 year term on the East Village Expansion Advisory Committee. Made by Frances Rose, second by Dan. Passed 5-0-0.</b></p>	
<p><b>Bean Road Update, After Order to Vacate</b></p> <p>Kim Nolan: tenant is still in residency. Dog has been licensed and has rabies shots.</p> <p>Karl: Contacted town attorney about next step on contempt charge due to failure to vacate.</p>	<p>10 minutes</p>

<p>Bram: Zoning Administrator was in contact with town attorney. Town Constable documented paw prints of the dog leaving property and going onto other properties.</p> <p>Peter: Dog registration and rabies shots makes previous enforcement action. Town ordinance says that Animal control officer or constable must see it themselves. Michael Tarrant starting contempt procedures. Documenting occupancy. From Karen Story: initial violation was also to connection to septic system.</p> <p>Karl: Concerned about the viciousness of the dog, we can only advise our ACO and constable. Get ACO more equipment.</p> <p>Bram: Lawyer wanted documentation of all events from Zoning Administrator. So if we have reports on disturbances, damage, etc.</p> <p>Dan Caddy: Documented the dog on a lead, but see its prints all over the road and a neighboring property. 2 vehicles on property have not moved since the last snowfall.</p>	
<p><b>Discussion: Establishment of Plainfield Housing Commission</b></p> <p>Frances Rose: Invitation to build a Plainfield Housing Committee. Exploring other avenues for bringing more housing online. Oft cited need in town. Too much for the EVEAC to have in their mission. Exploring possibilities in the town.</p> <p>Karl: definitely a need, houses needing work, Goddard, other opportunities.</p> <p>Peter: If we establish we create a brief mission statement. Timelines on producing reports so we have some updates and give skeleton to the committee.</p> <p>Dan would love for us to poll a broader group and decide committee structure from that.</p> <p>Frances Rose: Model is Village Expansion, group of residents going deep and creating solutions. Perhaps this could be an informal group, exploratory council, etc. Poll this audience, FPF form, find out who wants to be a part of this</p> <p>Michael Burnbaum: Like the idea very much, worried about a committee getting bogged down. I agree that VCRD could be a good venue and</p>	<p>7 minutes</p>

<p>facilitator. East Village Expansion is still not 100% to happen, so we need to look at other options too.</p> <p>Frances Rose will get in touch with VCRD.</p> <p>Arion Thiboumery: great idea, not volunteering, but agree that there are other housing options.</p> <p>Michael Billingsley: Long standing interest in this. Lots of ideas and potential. I have knowledge of folks in the area.</p> <p>Kirstie Grant: Plainfield Area Community Trust could be a partner. Low capacity but could work in this process and we are a 501c3</p> <p>Alicia Weiss: Care about preservation of historic homes in town. Important prong of our town plan.</p>	
<p><b>Announcement of Zoning Amendment Hearing</b></p> <p>Changes to zoning from Planning Commission, they have held a hearing and now the selectboard must as well.</p> <p><b>Motion that we announce the hearing on amendments to our zoning bylaws on April 28th at our regular selectboard meeting. Motion by Frances Rose, second by Patti. 5-0-0 vote.</b></p>	5 minutes
<p><b>Discussion of letter of support for for NEKCV (formerly CV Fiber)</b></p> <p>Jeremy Matt: Plainfield delegate to NEKCV. Communication union district. Noprofit dedicated to getting universal broadband to area. This is request to sign on to a letter of support by Selectboard for further funding to NEKCV from a Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment grant (BEAD). Signed letter.</p> <p><b>Motion to sign letter of support to NEKCV to the BEAD grant and allow Karl Bissex to sign on behalf of the Selectboard. Made by Dan, seconded by Frances Rose. Passed 5-0-0.</b></p>	6 minutes
<p><b>Discuss Response to Vermont Community Foundation loan offer for Engineering Services</b></p>	15 minutes

<p>Frances Rose: Vermont Community Foundation have offered the sum of \$150k in an unsecured loan. If project does not go forward, we will not be required to repay the loan.</p> <p>Dan: Got advice we can take this loan if we chose. 24 VSA Section 1786(a) is probably the best avenue in this situation. It allows for borrowing to pay any “current expenses.” There is no definition of “current expense,” so there really isn’t any guidance as to what qualifies. VLCT certainly uses a broad interpretation of what is a current expense – they think a capital asset could be a current expense. And in practice we have always taken a pretty broad view of what is a current expense. Just know that a current expense note can only have a term of one year. You will need to pay it off after one year.</p> <p>Peter: Question about if we have a contract to vote on, just an offer document with many pieces.</p> <p>Frances Rose: Hope to get a vote to move further and get loan documents.</p> <p>Peter: Still questions about loans, town tax rate, and debt.</p> <p>Arion Thiboumery: If the town intends to move forward it would be rolled forward into that larger loan. So whether gets forgiven or a part of a larger bond.</p> <p>Liz Perrault: Sounded like there was a laundry list of things that need to be done and if it all fails within the year. What happens if we are on the hook?</p> <p><b>Motion: Allow Frances Rose to request the loan documents for review so that we can see all details before a vote. Made by Dan, second by Peter. Passes 5-0-0.</b></p>	
<p><b>Request for Proposals: Engineering Services Re: Village Expansion</b></p> <p>Sandy Vitzhum: RFP would go out tomorrow and responses will be due later in April. The proposal will be based on the design that comes. Not a specific project in the contract. Permit and contract documents for a bid for general contractors.</p> <p>Peter: Do these RFP documents exist? Yes sent today.</p>	12 minutes

<p>Sandy: Getting documents at 10am on the day of the meeting and then taking a position is too fast. Transition period for the committee and need to get them up to speed. Bring Sandy into the umbrella under the committee.</p> <p>Selectboard: Discussion of when we could meet to consider.</p> <p>Josh Pitts: Proposals created from the RFP can be accepted or denied by Selectboard.</p> <p>Sandy: There is an amendment period until April 10th. So Selectboard could review. Standard RFP similar to the first RFP that we did.</p> <p>Details in selection process. Ensure details of submission match state's details and requirements.</p> <p><b>Motion to approve RFP for Phase 2 Engineering Services. Made by Frances Rose, second by Patti. Passes 5-0-0.</b></p>	
<p>Approval of Draft Minutes</p> <p><b>Motion to approve minutes of March 24th made by Frances Rose, second by Dan. Passes 5-0-0.</b></p>	<p>1 minutes</p>
<p>Approval of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Accounts Payable</li> <li>-Payroll</li> </ul> <p>Motion to approve accounts payable dated 3/21 and 3/28 and payroll dated 3/27 by Frances Rose and seconded by Peter. PASSES 5-0-0.</p>	<p>3 minutes</p>
<p>Next meeting: April 7th 2025 Community Development Block Grant Planning Grant Hearing at 6pm.</p> <p>Regular Selectboard Meeting April 14th 2025.</p> <p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion to adjourn at 7:54pm by Dan, seconded by Frances Rose. Passes 5-0-0.</p>	<p>1 minutes</p>