

Wilmington Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes
VT Shoreland Protection Act
July 23, 2014 6pm

Present: Jim Burke, Diane Chapman, Susie Haughwout, Jake White, Tom Fitzgerald, Scott Murphy

Others Present: Senator Bob Hartwell, Meg Streeter, Tom Consolino, Craig Ohlson, Chris Mays, Lynne Matthews, Cindy & John Meyer, Gordon & Martha Watson

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to Agenda- None

2. Action Items- Selectboard to possibly approve contract with COTT Systems Inc for digitization of public records through CDBG-DR Grant.

Chapman moved and White second to authorize Town Manager to enter and sign a contract with COTT Systems for the digitization of the Town's Public Records as funded through a CDBG-DR Grant; all in favor. Vote was 4-0; Haughwout recused herself from vote and discussion.

3. Introduction-

Murphy welcomed the public to the meeting and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to give public opinion to the Selectboard on whether the Town should assume the permitting and enforcement of the Shoreland Protection Act or leave it in the hands of the Agency of Natural Resources.

4. Senator Hartwell's Comments-

Senator Bob Hartwell was involved in the crafting of the bill that has now become law. The Senator made comments regarding the law and suggested the Town pass bylaws to assume responsibility of the new law as it would be in their best interest.

5. Public Comments-

Streeter commented that she feels the Town should keep the control local, especially on the permitting side; however she is remaining neutral on the enforcement side.

G. Watson- feels that both permitting and enforcement should be kept local.

Chapman questioned what happens to the fines if the State is doing the enforcing. Senator Hartwell replied that the State would keep the fines.

Haughwout suggested Transcanada be notified of the new law as they have pursued previous violations on their property on Lake Whitingham before.

Burke closed the meeting at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

Approved by Wilmington Selectboard:

James Burke, Chair

Diane Chapman, Vice Chair

Susie Haughwout, Clerk

Jacob White

Tom Fitzgerald