



residents. Tom and Michelle recognized that Westford residents are already meeting the goal set by the State however would encourage residents to do more if they can. Residents will need to comply with the organic portion of the law when it goes into effect in 2016.

CSWD plans to increase their budgets for advertising to educate the consumers. Tom and Michelle stated that businesses seem to be more of a problem than residential.

### **COMMUNITY WASTEWATER OPTION**

Dave Gauthier was present to discuss a possible option for a community wastewater system. He recently had perk tests done on the property formerly owned by Bob Jackson. The results were very favorable on the north end of the property near Brookside Road. Dave advised that he and Lynn still do not know what they are going to do with the property however wanted the Town to know about the possibility. The Board thanked Dave for the information and would like the Planning Commission to look into this once they have completed the Town Plan.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **MINUTES**

Alex Weinhagen made a motion to approve the January 22, 2015 as amended, seconded by Dave Adams. Motion passed: 3-0.

Alex Weinhagen made a motion to approve the January 26, 2015 as amended, seconded by Dave Adams. Motion passed: 3-0.

### **MAILBOXES & WINTER ROAD POLICY**

The Board received two emails regarding damage done to mailboxes during winter maintenance.

The first is a follow up email from Dick Lees. His mailbox was struck again and feels the Selectboard needs to address it. Brent showed pictures of the mailbox and post. He feels any damage done does not reflect a direct hit of the blade but more than likely from the snow. Regardless the Town's Winter Road Policy states the Town will not repair or replace mailboxes damaged by snow or ice clearing operations. A response will be sent to Mr. Lees.

The second is was from Linda Tilton. Her mailbox and post were damaged on two separate occasions on the same day. Brent has repaired the box however she is expecting the post to be replaced and for the Selectboard to amend the Winter Road Policy. The Board will send a response reiterating that the policy states the Town will not repair or replace mailboxes. Brent repaired it out of the kindness of his heart. The policy will not be amended.

### **2015 SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY INITIATIVE**

Alex signed the 2015 School Zone Safety Initiative Program participation form. The program helps to achieve uniform application traffic control devices within a school zone for the purpose of enhancing the safety of road users.

### **2014 GRAND LIST CERTIFICATION**

The Board signed a certificate stating that there are no appeals or suits pending with regard to the 2014 Grand List.

**HEALTH INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES**

Bob requested this item to be on the agenda. He was going to suggest that the Town consider not offering health insurance to employees in the future because the employees may be better off purchasing it through the exchange. However, since he has talked to someone at VLCT and the savings to the Town would be minimal.

**DEVELOPMENT ON TOWN TRAILS**

Bob requested this item be put on the agenda based on a problem he's been made aware of in Essex. A Class IV road in Essex has been developed over the years. The first few homes are not part of an association. When additional homes were built an association was formed for maintaining the road. This did not become a huge problem until the flood in 2013 when the road received significant damage. The first few homes were not mandated to share the cost.

Given that the Town has approved one request to improve a town trail and has been approached recently by two people who would like to improve two other town trails, Bob felt it would be good for the Town to be proactive with the formation of associations, particularly those instances when the Development Review Board may not be involved. Alex and Dave agreed.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL WARRANTS**

The Board approved the accounts payable and payroll warrants.

**EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS**

The Chair signed Excess Weight Permits for Mike Choquette, Newport Sand & Gravel/Carroll Concrete and Champlain Oil Company.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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