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Special Selectboard Meeting  
May 2, 2016  
Waterbury Municipal Office Meeting Room

Present: Steffan Defoe, John Murphy, Patty Delaney, Eric Ladensack, Amy Scharf, Ed Pierce, *Right of Way Agent*, VTrans.

The meeting began at 6:00 PM.

**Additions/changes to the Agenda**

None.

This Special Selectboard Meeting was called to attend to two matters.

1. The Agency of Transportation needed to acquire a permanent easement in order to maintain the channel of Crossett Brook as well as a temporary easement for a detour, both associated with the replacement of the culvert #193, which carries Crossett Brook under Route VT 100, in Duxbury. This project is a high priority. The Agency estimated the value of these easements at \$1,000.

The Town property at question was described in detail. The board asked for and was provided with a written and oral explanation of the method the Agency used in arriving at the value of the easements.

Eric made a motion that the chair sign the necessary paperwork that would convey to the State the temporary and permanent easements requested by the Agency in return for the sum of \$1,000. Steffan seconded and all were in favor.

2. The bill from the Mad River Resource Management Alliance (MRRMA), for dues for this calendar year, 2016, contained an unanticipated, and significant increase from what had been budgeted. The amount of our dues is based upon our "population" (1,377) times a per capita assessment. In 2014 our per capita assessment was \$2.75, in 2016 it rose to \$6.00. The Board was not aware of this increase when it built the budget. The explanations for the increase appear to be genuine however the Board wants to explore alternatives to membership in the MRRMA as the overall expense and increases seem out of line and unsustainable. Steffan accepted the task of looking into what our

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options are and reporting back at the May 9, regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting.

Patty made a motion that we pay the MRRMA the amount that we had budgeted for FY 2016, \$3,677. Steffan seconded the Motion. Amy, Patty, Steffan and John voted "AYE" and Eric voted "NO". The motion passed.

Patty made a motion to adjourn at 7:15PM, Steffan seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully,

John B. Murphy, Chair