

**Draft Minutes**  
**Town of Vermont Board Meeting**  
Sept 14, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

Due to Covid 19 this meeting is in person and also via conference call. The public is allowed to attend in person but there will be a limit on attendees in order to ensure social distancing is maintained. Call in to the meeting by dialing (608) 422-4798

1. Call to order and certification of notice posting

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Attending in person were Karen, Alex and Doug, attending by phone were Scott and John

Katie certified that the meeting was noticed in the Mount Horeb Mail and Star News, posted on the website and the door to town hall and emailed to subscribers.

2. Approval of August minutes

Karen motioned to approve the August minutes. Motion carried 5-0

3. Chairman's report and acknowledgments

Karen thanked the contributors to the Vermont Voice for their excellent work on the recent issue.

4. Citizens' Input

none

5. Treasurer's report

Becca reported that we have received our August property tax settlement of 137, 463.68 and that 100% of the taxes have now been collected. The account balance is \$461,357.99 and the operating balance is looking good.

Doug motioned to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried 5-0

6. Clerk's report

Katie reports that we paid our fire dues to Mount Horeb this month and other than that there were no significant expenditures. Ballots for the November election have been printed and will be mailed beginning this week.

Alex motioned to approve the clerks report. Motion carried 5-0

7. Payment of bills

Doug moved to pay the bills. Motion carried 5-0

8. Patrolman Report, Mt. Horeb Fire Department, Black Earth Fire District and District 1 EMS Reports

Jack reports that a few small trees have come down with the rain and that a few more street signs have been stolen, which have now been replaced. The new leased bobcat arrived on Friday. John Coffin reports that the Mount Horeb fire department has passed its budget and is keeping budget growth below 5%. Scott reports that District 1 has sent its budget as well and that Black Earth Fire Department is seeking bids to replace their roof. Black Earth is also asking for some updates to driveway ordinances to add signage to driveways over 500 feet.

9. Yahara Materials, Westres Quarry – Public hearing and possible approval of Conditional Use Permit Application

Robin from Yahara Materials provided clarification that they have specifically identified the 15.1 acres that are included in the CUP renewal. The property owner stated that she wanted to ensure that all of the documents reflect the 11.1 acre renewal with 4 new acres.

The board agreed 5-0 that each of the following conditions had been met:

The establishment, maintenance or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, comfort or general welfare.

The uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already permitted shall be in no foreseeable manner substantially impaired or diminished by establishment, maintenance or operation of the conditional use.

That the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.

That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary site improvements have been or are being made.

Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.

That the conditional use shall conform to all applicable regulations of the district in which it is located.

That the conditional use is consistent with the adopted town and county comprehensive plans.

If the conditional use is located in a Farmland Preservation Zoning district, the town and zoning committee must also address the findings described in s.10.220(1).

The conditional use permit was approved 5-0 with the stipulations that the acreage is 11.1 +4, that the hours for crushing and drilling are from 7 am to 7 pm only and that the map of the location of the CUP be included with the materials sent to Dane County.

10. Zoning change, homesite and driveway application – Jeff & Nancy Bell – County F

The board discussed various aspects of the application, including the effects on the viewshed of the building envelope, the location of features such as agricultural fields and woodlands on the property and the location of the driveway. Karen moved to approve the rezoning of 2.8 acres currently FP-35 to RR-2. The motion carried 5-0. Doug moved to approve the driveway application, as proposed. The motion carried 5-0. Alex moved to approve the homesite with the location of the home closer to corner post 1. The motion carried 5-0.

11. Town of Vermont citizen Energy Planning Committee Report

Warren, Peter, and Barbra provided the board with updates on the work of the energy committee. They have provided 3 workshops over the past few months and will be meeting with the Black Earth Public Works Department about their ideas for local solar generation.

12. Review and possible approval of Town of Vermont blasting ordinance revision

The updates to the town blasting ordinance were given a first reading at the August board meeting. The revised ordinance would reference the state statutes on blasting. Alex motioned to adopt Ordinance Chapter 15-Blasting. The motion carried 5-0.

13. Cares act grant for COVID related expenses – consideration of bathroom updates and sanitizing products

Some federal grant money is available to towns for expenses related to COVID. Options for using the money include improvements to sanitation. Karen made a motion to update the town hall bathroom for improved sanitation and purchase sanitizing supplies up to \$2500. The motion carried 5-0

14. Review and possible approval of Holding Tank Agreement for Tyrol Basin

Tyrol Basin would like to add a public restroom at the bottom of C, near the lifts. That location will not accept a drainage field due to the topography. Tyrol would like to use a holding tank. Scott motioned to approve the application for a holding tank for the new bathrooms. The motion carried 5-0

15. Initial review of Town-wide Land Use Survey Results

Karen provided an overview of the responses to the town land use survey. Of the 750 surveys sent, 329 people responded. While a variety of opinions were expressed, the overall results suggest that town residents feel the current Land Use Plan is a good one.

John made a motion to add check boxes to the Homesite and Driveway application with each point from section 2.3 of the Land Use plan. The motion carried 5-0.

16. 2021 Budget planning – initial planning discussion

The board took a first glance at the 2021 budget. Many of the numbers are not yet available, however as the board has decided to return to a quadrant schedule for chip sealing, next year there will be 130,000 in the budget for chip sealing. Additional considerations include continuing to save toward accrual items such as a replacement for the IH truck and a future garage improvement project.

17. Set date for Annual meeting

The annual meeting will be by phone call-in for the half hour prior to the October Board Meeting, from 6:30-7:00 pm on October 12.

18. Agenda Items for October Meeting

2021 budget

19. Adjournment

John motioned to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm

Katie Zelle, Clerk