

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2014

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Peter Pagnucco, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Marge Malko, Bob Twitchell, Jim Wilbur

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Pay orders were signed.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Conservation Commission- Bob Twitchell attended representing the Conservation Commission. The board discussed how budget funds should be handled. The treasurer and selectboard agree that the Conservation Commission budget amounts should stay in the town's general funds, and that operating budget amounts do not carry over to succeeding years. There is an existing account separate from the general fund, with a balance of \$2714.51, that will be returned to the general fund.

Pingree Park timber sale update- John Adler will be moving in to start the job this week.

Library property- Marge Malko attended to request that the South Londonderry Free Library's 20 acre woodland property continue to be tax exempt. This request will be in the form of an article on the 2014 Town Meeting Warning. A motion was made and unanimously passed to include the article in the Warning.

Treasurer items- Jim Wilbur spoke to the board about Reserve Funds and their use. Numbers at this point indicate that there is a budget surplus for 2013 of about \$89,000. A motion was made and unanimously passed to take advantage of the 2013 budget surplus to keep the 2014 tax rate equal to the 2013 tax rate, and to put an article in the 2014 Warning asking the voters to establish a Reserve Fund for future highway equipment replacement purchases. The amount to be asked to be put into the Reserve Fund this year will be finalized before the Warning is posted and will be in the range of \$40,000 to \$45,000.

Kevin and Duane will work on a replacement schedule for equipment, and the annual amount needed in dollars to maintain that replacement schedule.

Minutes of the January 6th meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Winter salt and sand- December usage- 301 tons salt, 485 yards sand. VTrans used some sand out of the shed. They have a credit on sand from past years. We're currently buying some sand from the Weston Island Logging pit on Rowe's Road, and putting it directly on the roads, when it works out.

F-550- Needs some repairs including the alternator, clutch slave cylinder, turbo exhaust leak, and brake work. There was discussion of whether it's time to look into trading.

Uniforms- A motion was made and unanimously passed to switch to Foley Linen Services for employee uniforms and carpets for the Town Office.

Certificate of Highway Mileage was signed by the board.

Parking along Middletown Road- Due to parking issues during the winter months near the Solo Restaurant, a copy of the town's Parking ordinance will be sent to them.

Transfer Station items-

Plowing and sanding- The RFP has been advertised and put on the website. Bids are due January 24th.

Liquor Board- An application for Solo Restaurant was approved and signed.

Old business-

Town officers potluck has been postponed to possible dates of February 25, 26, or 27.

New business-

Appropriations approvals- A motion was made and unanimously passed to include requests for \$2500 from the Flood Brook Athletic Association, and \$100 for the VT Rural Fire Protection Association contingent on receiving financial information, to be included in appropriation requests in the 2014 Town Meeting Warning.

A bill and agreement from Property Valuation and Review for the fee for using "**Marshall and Swift**" CAMA software was approved and signed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00