

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2015

Present: Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Sam Duffy, Esther Fishman, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Dick Dale, Tina Labeau, Kelly Pajala, Sharon Crossman

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.
Steve Prouty served as acting Chair.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to go into executive session for an employee interview.

Came out of executive session at 7:00.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed to add an Overweight Permit application from Newport Sand and Gravel, and appointment of the Zoning Administrator.

Pay orders were signed.

Announcements and correspondence-

The new hours for the Transfer Station were announced.
Last day to register to vote before Town Meeting: Feb. 25th
Rabies clinic: March 12th, Dog registration: April 1st.
Misc. correspondence was passed around.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Friends of the West River Trail- Sharon Crossman represented the FWRT to put a request on the Town Meeting Warming for \$1000, which is the same as last year. Action was tabled until later in the meeting when appropriations requests are considered.

Planning Commission- Buyout properties grant- The PC is moving ahead with an application for Community Development Block Grant funding for future development of three of the FEMA buyout properties. The application will be for \$20,000 in funding which will require a 10% match. The match amount could be cash or “in kind” work on the project. A motion was made and unanimously passed for the Selectboard to support the Town providing the required match amount in the form of in kind work or donations.

VTEL tower on Glebe Mountain- The Planning Commission has let the Windham Regional Planning Commission know that the Town wishes to stay informed of developments on this project.

Minutes of the January 5th, and special meetings of January 12th and 19th were unanimously approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Overweight permits- Applications for overweight permits were considered for Newport Sand and Gravel and Graves Trucking, Inc. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the application for Newport Sand and Gravel. A motion was made and seconded to approve the permit for Graves Trucking, Inc. During discussion, a question was raised regarding the enforceability of the restriction to through traffic on Middletown and Thompsonburg Roads that is normally placed on the permits. Following discussion, a motion was made and unanimously passed to rescind the approval of the Newport Sand and Gravel permit, pending investigation of the enforceability of the through traffic restriction. The Graves Trucking application was tabled.

Meeting with SoLo Farm and Table regarding parking- The board agreed to move the second meeting of February from Feb. 16th to the 23rd due to President's Day, and to see if the SoLo owners can attend on the 23rd.

Paving RFP- Duane has an RFP put out for repaving Winhall Hollow Road this year. We will send it out to the paving companies we usually send to, plus put it on our website and the Vermont Bid Site.

F-550- The 550 is back from getting injector repairs.

Transfer Station- A motion was made and unanimously passed to hire Sam Duffy for a Sunday recycling shift position at a rate of \$14.00/hour.

Liquor Board- Liquor licenses were unanimously approved for SoLo Farm and Table and Clark's IGA.

Old business-

Fire Truck Article- A motion was made and seconded to word the Article as follows, and as recommended by the Secretary of State's Office: "To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the purchase of a Class A pumper by Champion Fire Co. #5, Inc., to be raised over a period of five (5) years". During discussion, Cathy Aragi made a motion to amend the motion to make the total amount "not to exceed \$435,000". There was no second to the motion to amend.

The vote was called on the original motion and it passed with three votes yes and Cathy no (Jim Ameden not at the meeting).

New business-

Appropriations requests- The board unanimously approved the following appropriations requests for the Town Meeting Warning:

Connecticut River Transit	\$1000
Women's Freedom Center	800
Fourth of July	1000
West River Sports Assoc.	2600
Conservation Fund	1000
Memorial Park	3000
South Londonderry Library	10,000
Friends of the West River Trail	1000

2015 budget- A motion was made and unanimously passed on a 2015 budget to be presented to the voters for approval at Town Meeting. The budget will be presented in the Town Report in a summarized version, and details will be available for inspection by interested individuals.

2015 Town Meeting Warning- A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve and sign the Warning as written, with the change voted above for the fire truck Article.

Phone and internet service- We have initiated a switch from Fairpoint to Comcast for the Town Office and the garage. Costs will be similar.

Sullivan, Powers, and Co. Letter of Engagement- A motion was made and unanimously passed to sign a Letter of Engagement with Sullivan, Powers, and Company to perform a full audit of 2014 for an amount of \$14,000.

Zoning Administrator appointment- It was recently discovered that according to our bylaws and state statute the Zoning Administrator must be appointed or reappointed every three years. The Selectboard will plan to do this in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.