

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2014

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Dick Dale, Susan McMahon, Peg Elmer, Rebecca Stone, Alyssa Sabetto

From VLCT: Larry Smith, Wade Masure

From Champion Fire Department: Dan Cobb, Matt Mosher, Roger , Ben Priggen, Jim Twitchell, Darcy , Jeff Duda

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- None

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Announcements and correspondence- None

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Vermont League of Cities and Towns- PACIF (Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund) insurance- Larry Smith and Wade Masure from VLCT spoke to the board about the benefits offered if the Town had insurance coverage through PACIF. PACIF runs an insurance pool for municipal coverages including workman's comp, property coverage, liability, and vehicle insurance.

Kevin asked if they could provide us with quotes and they will get back to us. No further action was taken.

Community Resiliency Organizations- Peg Elmer and Rebecca Stone, accompanied by Susan McMahon and Alyssa Sabetto of the Windham Regional Commission, presented information to the board about the CRO projects. Five towns including Londonderry have been identified to participate in a pilot project if we want to. Five community members would be chosen to be involved with picking a project from our Hazard Mitigation Plan and working to implement it. Community representatives should represent social, conservation, emergency services, business, and town government organizations. Funding may be available to help with project implementation.

The Selectboard will take it into consideration and decide whether to participate by November 7th. No further action was taken.

Champion Fire Department- Fire engine- Several of the department members were present and Danny Cobb spoke for the group. The department asked the Selectboard to put an Article on the Town Meeting Warning to ask the voters to appropriate \$400,000 to help pay for a Class A pumper. Total cost of the pumper they are planning to purchase is

about \$465,000 and the department is prepared to pay the difference. Danny clarified that they are asking the Town for funds, and that the department would own the truck.

A motion was made and passed to put the request on the Warning. The vote was four in favor, with Bob Cowles voting no.

Minutes of the September 22nd meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Schedule for an employee review- An employee review was scheduled for one of the road crew for October 20 at 6:30 PM. It will be in executive session.

Winhall use of a garage bay- The Town of Winhall has asked to house one of their trucks in our garage this winter. Our insurance company suggests that we should have a written agreement in place. Kevin will get a draft out for review. The board is in agreement to allow the use of a bay. No motion was made.

Painting inside the garage- Duane solicited three bids for repainting the garage walls and ceiling to help with moisture protection. The prices received are:

BMW- Did not submit a price.

Decell- \$12,900

Bacon- \$4800

A motion was made and unanimously passed to award the work to Bacon at an amount not to exceed \$5000. This amount exceeds the maintenance budget for the garage, but we have amounts in the maintenance budgets for other town buildings that should cover it.

Winter sand- Duane presented two options for purchasing winter sand that he is considering: \$15.90/yard delivered by JP Trucking from Alstead, NH, and \$13.00/yard picked up from the Hill pit in Andover. Steve expressed that he thinks the sand from the Hill pit is better quality. A motion was made and unanimously passed to purchase 650 yards from JP Trucking and 650 yards from Hill Bros.

Vacation time- Duane asked for approval for some vacation time next week and it was approved.

Transfer Station- Nothing

Liquor Board- Nothing

Old business-

Capital Improvement Plan- Work continues on a ten year planning project that covers anticipated large expenditures and projects. Board members thought there should be better wording added explaining that this is for planning purposes only and it is not to be construed as approval of future expenditures.

Bill for the wall mural- After researching past minutes, it is verified that the Selectboard voted to not spend any Town funds on the project. David Hoopes has personally contributed \$50 for the project. That money will be sent to the artist who did the work.

New business-

Town Officers potluck- The board voted to set a date of November 5th.

Budget process planning- The board reviewed the timeline and step by step process, which will be about the same process and timeline as last year.

Property tax resolution- There is a property tax resolution being circulated to selectboards around the state, calling for placing a two year cap on education property taxes at the present rates. Currently five town legislative bodies have signed the resolution. A motion was made and passed for the Londonderry Selectboard to sign the resolution. The vote was four in favor and Paul Gordon was opposed. Four members signed the resolution.

Bid opening and contract award for demolition of the Baccash property- Bids are due by the end of the business day on Oct. 10th. Because of the tight timeframe for the project, a motion was made and unanimously passed to hold a special meeting at 5:00 PM on Oct. 10th to open the bids and award the contract.

Mountain Valley Medical Center letter of support- MVMC has asked for a letter of support for the clinic to join Springfield Medical Care Systems. A motion was made and unanimously passed to sign and send a letter of support.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40.