

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 15, 2014

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon (by telephone), Cathy Aragi, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Dick Dale, Tina Labeau, Kelly Pajala, Larry Gubb, Cindy Gubb, Matt Wilder

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Went into executive session at 6:30 for interviewing an employment applicant.  
Came out of executive session at 7:00.

In accordance with open meeting laws, all votes for this meeting were roll call votes due to Paul Gordon attending by telephone.

**Additions and deletions to the agenda-** It was unanimously voted to add the following to the agenda: A liquor license application by Upper Tamarack, Inc.

**Pay orders** were signed.

**Announcements and correspondence-** Misc. correspondence was passed around.

**Visitors and Concerned Citizens-**

**Middletown Road/Route 11 intersection-** Larry and Cindy Gubb attended the meeting to see if there has been any progress in looking into the possibility of reconfiguring the intersection. They have concerns about safety, traffic speed, and snow removal in that area. In previous discussion, the Town agreed to contact VTrans and set up a meeting to look at the intersection and discuss possibilities. To date we have not heard back from VTrans and will contact them again. No other action was taken at this meeting.

Dick Dale complimented the road crew for their work in the recent storm.

**Minutes** of the December 1st meeting were unanimously approved.

**Roads and bridges-**

**Sound attenuation in the garage-** Duane feels that he can gradually add acoustic panels in stages without increasing the maintenance budget for the building, so no budget changes were made.

**Grader-** The grader had some hydraulic control issues recently but seems to be working fine now.

**Transfer Station-**

**Variable Rate Pricing ordinance-** A motion was made and unanimously passed to adopt the proposed Variable Rate Pricing ordinance. The ordinance was signed and will be posted for the required 60 day time period. A copy of the ordinance is attached to these minutes.

**Plowing and sanding-** We received a bid from Dana Griswold for the plowing and sanding of the Transfer Station. This is the only bid received. The bid is not according to the intent of the Town regarding who supplies the sand. The board agreed to meet with Dana in special meeting on Friday, 12/19, at 5:00 PM to clarify questions and see if an agreement can be worked out. No further action was taken.

**Backhoe thumb-** The board agreed to put \$2000 in the 2015 budget to install a mechanical thumb on the Transfer Station backhoe.

**Sunday employee-** A motion was made and unanimously passed to hire Matt Wilder to staff the Transfer Station on Sundays, plus possible fill in at other times, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Employment start date will be 1/1/15.

**Northeast Recycling Council letter of support-** NERC has asked the Town for a letter of support for a USDA grant they are working on. A motion was made and unanimously passed to provide a letter of support and a letter was signed.

**Liquor Board-** An application for renewal of the liquor license for Upper Tamarack, Inc., doing business as Upper Pass Lodge, was unanimously approved and signed.

### **Old business-**

**PACIF (Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund) insurance coverage-** A motion was made and unanimously passed to join PACIF and obtain property, liability, vehicle, workers comp, and bond insurance through the Vermont League of Cities and Town's PACIF insurance pool, starting on 1/1/15.

**Audit-** A motion was made and unanimously passed to have a full audit done for the year 2014, and have reviews conducted in 2015 and 2016, and plan for another full audit in 2017.

We currently have a quote from Sullivan, Powers, and Company for \$14,000 to complete an audit. The board will investigate whether to solicit other quotes for the work.

**Windham Regional Commission Wastewater and Water Advisory Committee-** The Planning Commission recommends that the Town appoint Larry Gubb to represent the Town on the committee, with Dick Dale as an alternate. A motion was made and unanimously passed to make those appointments.

**Beautification Committee-** Bob Cowles and Paul have worked on a budget to include the flower boxes, the "triangle" at the intersection of Rtes. 11 and 100, flags on North

Main Street, and the welcome signs at the entrances to town. The figure asked for this year is \$3000, which includes the purchase of some new flags and poles. The board discussed whether this should be a line item in the budget or an appropriation request in the Town Meeting Warning. Action was taken under “appropriation requests” below.

### **New business-**

**Appropriation requests-** A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve for the Town Meeting Warning the following appropriation requests:

Visiting Nurse and Hospice-	\$6720
HCRS-	\$1513
RSVP-	\$415
Youth Services-	\$315
SEVCA-	\$1700
Historical Soc. Windham Cty	\$250
Flood Brook Athletic Assoc	\$2500
Flood Brook Collaborative-	\$750
Neighborhood Connections	\$5000
SEVDS	\$5300
Beautification Committee	\$3000

**Upgrades to the old garage-** Duane recommends putting in an overhead door for one of the bays for easier access. In the future additional bays could get a new door. A motion was made and unanimously passed to add \$2000 to the budget to install one overhead door.

**Budget approval schedule-** The board agreed to plan to approve the 2015 budget at the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Fuel purchase-** Current price is quoted as \$2.386/gallon. The board agreed to order a 7500 gallon load this week.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:25.**