

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2013

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Peter Pagnucco, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Pat Powden, Bob Borella, Dick Bigwood, Dick Jewitt, Lani Malapan (by speaker phone)

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM.

A motion was made and passed at 6:06 to go into executive session to interview a prospective employee.

Came out of executive session at 7:00 PM.

Announcements- Bob Cowles recognized the efforts of Duane Hart during the recent beginnings of winter weather conditions.

Pay orders were signed.

Chester Snowmobile Club- Dick Jewitt and Dick Bigwood were in to again ask permission to use the side of Lowell Lake Road as a snowmobile trail connector. This has occurred for the last few years with no problems. They asked permission to use the road all the way to Rte. 11 in case they are unable to use one section of land off the road. A motion was made and unanimously passed to allow the use for another year. The selectboard signed the standard snowmobile landowner permission form.

PACE- Town Energy Coordinator Bob Borella attended to further discuss the PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program. The program makes financing available to property owners through Efficiency VT for energy efficiency improvements. The town would need to form a separate Tax Assessment District and would be responsible to attempt to collect delinquent payments. This would require a town vote at Town Meeting. Lani Malapan from Efficiency VT provided some information and answered questions about the program by speaker phone. She will send further detailed information.

No action was taken at this meeting.

SeVEDS (Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies)- Pat Powden attended to answer any further questions about the SeVEDS request for a town appropriation of \$5300. A motion was made and unanimously passed to include the request on the Warning for the 2014 Town Meeting.

Other appropriations requests- Several other appropriations requests, including the required financial information, have been received:

Visiting Nurse and Hospice	\$6720
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	\$1513
Londonderry Fourth of July	\$1000
Grace Cottage	\$500
Mountain Valley Medical Clinic	\$26,443

The MVMC amount has increased from last year, and the others are the same amounts as previous years. A motion was made and unanimously passed to include the above requests on the 2014 Town meeting Warning.

Minutes of the November 18th meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Employee hiring- A motion was made and unanimously passed to offer a road crew position to Tim Olesky at the town's normal starting pay rate. Duane will contact Tim and make the offer.

Donny LaFogg started work today.

Fuel purchase- The fuel tank is at 1960 gallons and we are ready for a purchase. Kevin will shop prices.

Uniforms- Duane has had no success getting a response from Foley for pricing. Kevin will give it a try.

Workers Comp insurance- There was discussion about the road crew's documentation of time, and how it might help reduce workers comp rates. This will be investigated further.

Chloride bids- Duane received back 3 bids. He recommends going with All States Asphalt, Inc., and going with the option of purchasing the required tanks and equipment beforehand. A motion was made and unanimously passed to deal with All States, and purchase the equipment before the end of the year. The equipment purchase cost is approximately \$8300 and fits within the chloride budget for this year.

Transfer Station-

Repairs to the backhoe- The repairs are complete. Duane will test it out before returning it to the Transfer Station.

Liquor Board- None.

Old business-

Website- Paul reports that the new website design is about half complete and is progressing.

New business-

Plowing at the Town Hall- We need to determine who is plowing the parking lot there this winter. In the past the Solo Restaurant has done it in exchange for some use of the parking lot.