

**Town of Londonderry Select Board
Minutes
Monday February 15th, 2016
Approved March 7, 2016**

1. Call meeting to order:

Chairman Jim Ameden called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Board Members Present: Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Steve Prouty, Jim Ameden.
Wayne Blanchard was absent.

Staff Present: Stephanie Thompson, Duane Hart, Kevin Beattie

Others in attendance: Bruce Frauman

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda

3.

Cathy mad a motion to add Mileage Certificate and CLA approval to agenda. Paul seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

4. Minutes

a. Regular Board of Selectmen's Minutes – Monday February 1st, 2016

Board sentiment was to shorten the minutes to more of a summary.

Paul made a motion to approve the most recent version of the minutes. Steve seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

5. Convene Liquor Board

a. Jelley's Second Class Liquor License

Cathy moved to approve the license as presented. Paul seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

b. Overweight Permit – Weston Island Logging

Steve made a motion to approve. Cathy seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

c. Mileage Certificate

Duane advised the certificate includes data to include Eves Lane on the Highway Map, and removal of Monte Lane. With changes we are losing .04 miles on our certificate.

Cathy made a motion to accept the certificate of highway mileage. Steve seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

6. Select board pay orders

Passed around and signed.

7. Announcements/correspondence

- Cathy announced that VTel 4G internet is now available to residents in the surrounding area. Steve understood there was currently a waiting list to get set up.
- Paul shared that the Dept. of Natural Resources and Forest Parks and Recreation on Lowell Lake State Park at 6:30 p.m. on 2/17 in the Twitchell Building (Town Office).
- Second Policing Committee information night will be 2/25 at 7 p.m. in Twitchell Building.

8. Visitors and concerned citizens

None

9. Town official's business

a. CLA Statement

Document was not available to sign – Tabled to Next Meeting

10. Roads and bridges

a. Receive bids for 2016 paving

Bids received and opened by Jim Ameden.

- Pike Industries – Total price of \$84,150.00, not including fibermat chipseal – and no price given for it separately.
- Fuller Sand & Gravel – Total price \$128,120.00, including fibermat chipseal
- EME Management – Springfield Paving – Total price including fibermat chipseal \$146,499.
- Wilk Paving – Provided options. 1) \$106,036 2) \$27,223.20 3) \$9,628.50 – Total price \$142,887.70. Duane noted they contacted and provide price for paving with a 1” overlay versus chipseal, based on lower fuel prices this year, and it is coming in lower than the alternative.

It was decided to go back to all bidders and ask them to quote it as paving as well, and to get clarification on the Pike bid and pricing for the fibermat chipseal separately and for Duane and Steve to review and make a recommendation at the next Select Board meeting on Monday March 7th.

11. Transfer Station/ Recycling Center-

Jim was up at the Transfer Station last weekend and said things seem to be going well. Paul said a new door for the shack was supposed to be coming in.

12. New Business

a. HMGP Generator Progress

Kevin and Stephanie hadn't been able to connect yet. Kevin did contact two out of the three other select boards – Landgrove and Peru who have upcoming meetings. Who should be approaching the other Boards? Jim felt Kevin makes sense as he knows more about the project. Steve agreed it fell under EMD role. Kevin said the other issue is how the split in the match should be done – initial thought is by population. That is what they had talked about initially. Jim felt a more equal split would make sense to him because whatever Town has an emergency would be the ones using it,

from the Emergency standpoint perspective. Duane said he was on the school board at the time this was discussed a few years ago, and the talk was it would be less expensive to the Taxpayer to have match come from the Towns versus the schools, based on how the rate is calculated. Total cost is \$15,000 so individual Town shared would be \$3,750 each for the 4 Towns.

Cathy made a motion to ask the four towns, relative to the generator, to contribute \$3,750 each. Paul seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Cathy made a motion that the authority of the project is Kevin Beattie and Stephanie Thompson work in conjunction to move the project forward. Paul seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

b. Municipal Streetlight Initiative

Paul said that the Board applied for the initiative with Efficiency Vermont. Letter of approval received. Paul followed-up with the energy consult with question on the contract. He is waiting to hear back. Saving is estimated about \$9,500 a year by switching to LEDs.

13. Old business

a. Board Statement on Town Meeting articles

At last meeting it was agreed not to vote to recommend particular articles. Paul felt it made sense as the articles are covered at Town Meeting, on some give information.

- Article 8 (Infrastructure Improvement Fund) – Larry Gubb and John Wengerd from Planning Commission will cover.
- Article 9 (Policing) – Policing Committee should be prepared to address.
- Article 10 (Highway Equipment Fund) – Share information again on why and what it covered/covers, and that it has been approved the past two years, and would not increase taxes.
- Article 11 (Land Purchase) – Explanation of benefits of purchase to the Town for resources, expansion and safer entrance/exit. Cathy added the information shared should include other possible costs for studies, attorney fees, etc.
 - o Paul noted that he has been in touch with Agency of Natural Resources Act 250 representative, Stephanie Gile, about permissible usages. There could be some issues in reclamation that may not have been addressed in the past, which could be the responsibility of the Town before any extraction of resources. It was recommended that we request a jurisdictional opinion from them. Paul is hoping to get a response/clarification further prior to Town Meeting. Paul will work to get her here for February 29th when the Board reviews the Warrant with the Town Meeting Moderator.

There was consensus with these statements being shared at Town Meeting.

b. Mighty Londonderry

- Bruce Frauman spoke regarding the Facebook page issues. Right now it is restricted as to who can be a member, and all have to be approved

by the admin, and made it clear that it is not a Town endorsed page, and is for informal discussion, and directed them to sources for official Town news. He shared that they have over 250 members, which is more than Front Porch Forum has. They will work to continue to monitor it closer.

- Paul thought it was going to be suspended, or that the name was going to be changed and that the EMD connection is removed. Kevin said if that is its intention he doesn't want it to be connected. There are no guarantees of accuracy.
- The CRO doesn't want to monitor all comments before they go up. Some have been removed that involved derogatory or threatening comments.
- Paul said to remove all connections that make it seem like an arm of the Town. Jim said it can still serve the purpose of discussion without the Town ties.
- Bruce said he will talk with George about the additional changes that were suggested.

-They have come up with a new emergency preparedness survey form and would like to distribute at Town Meeting. This should help to increase the number of completed forms they get back. The Board had no concerns with this.

14. Executive Session

Cathy made a motion to move into executive session, and that Duane and Stephanie attend. Steve seconded. Motion passed with all in favor. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

a. Personnel

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

15. Adjourn

Paul made a motion to adjourn. Cathy seconded. Motion passed with all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.