

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2015

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Wayne Blanchard, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Tina Labeau, Kelly Pajala, Dick Dale, Oliver Olsen

Election of Chair and Vice Chair- A motion was made and unanimously passed to elect Jim Ameden as Selectboard Chair. A motion was made and unanimously passed to elect Steve Prouty as Vice Chair.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed to add the following items to the agenda: Montessori School appropriation, LE Weed overweight permit, Garden Restaurant and Mkt. liquor licenses, designation of Newspaper of Record, VTrans annual financial plan, newspaper of record.

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Announcements- Regional selectboard meeting in Townshend on Thursday. Dog licenses due by April 1.

Correspondence- Email from Rob Litchfield at MVMC, letter from SeVEDS, DEC letter re: wastewater on the Czapla property, letter from Windham Regional Commission re: the upcoming regional selectboard meeting, VLCT notice of Spring Selectboard Institute and Auditors Workshop, letter about community WiFi, copy of an email from Kathy Rosenthal to Oliver Olsen re: town funds, letter regarding property inspectors, VLCT News, copy of the VTel tower application

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Town Clerk- Presented the Town Meeting minutes for signing by the Selectboard. A motion was made and unanimously passed to sign the minutes with some minor corrections.

Minutes- A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the 3/2 minutes with the adjournment time corrected.

Roads and bridges-

Overweight permits- Applications from LE Weed and Chaves Excavating were unanimously approved and signed.

Lowell Lake Road project contract- The board wanted more time to look it over so a motion was made and unanimously approved to table signing it until a future meeting.

Grader purchase- Steve and Duane have been looking at a demo Volvo grader. The dealer has given a price for the machine of \$192,000 without a wing. Trade in value of our present grader will not be finalized until the engine repair is completed. Tina feels that, according to the VLCT Treasurer's Handbook, we can enter into a lease purchase agreement that depends on future budget approvals by the voters. A motion was made and unanimously passed to have Steve and Duane continue to work on obtaining a final deal offer and financing options for consideration.

The engine repair on our current grader will cost \$800-1000 more than originally anticipated.

Through traffic restriction on Overweight Permits- Oliver Olsen spoke briefly about the status of a proposed bill concerning the Town's authority in establishing speed limits and through traffic restrictions.

Transfer Station- Dana Griswold is covering for Steve T. for three weeks.

3-4 loads of $\frac{3}{4}$ " stone have been put into the yard for mud season.

Liquor Board- Four applications for the Garden Mkt/Garden Restaurant and one for Jake's were approved and signed.

Old business-

VTel tower application- A motion was made and unanimously approved submit a formal comment letter to the Public Service Board stating. Dick Dale spoke about concerns that the Planning Commission wants to have on record in the comments. The Planning Commission will draft a letter representing the Town, to be reviewed by the Selectboard before signing and sending.

Policies- There is a need to establish some policies and update some existing ones. Paul and Cathy will take the lead on working on new Drug and Alcohol policy and road maintenance guidelines, and work on updates for building use, purchasing, and personnel policies. Also to take another look at the Town's Dog Ordinance. As work progresses, we will keep it on the Old Business agenda to discuss progress.

New business-

Platt Hazard Mitigation Grant Program project- A motion was made and unanimously passed to not spend any further time or expense on this project until funding availability is more clear.

Montessori School appropriation- There is a legal issue with the Town giving the \$2000 that was appropriated at Town Meeting. It appears that we may be able to give it

to the school only if it is restricted to tuition cost for 2 year olds who are not counted in state education funding. The issue was tabled until getting further clarification, legal opinion, and approval by the Agency of Education.

Letter from Mountain Valley Medical Clinic- The Selectboard received a letter from MVMC expressing concern about safety concerns with not having law enforcement coverage available on a timely basis in Londonderry. The Town relies on State Police coverage but response times can be long. A motion was made and unanimously passed for Paul to draft a letter of response outlining what the Selectboard has done to investigate options for police coverage.

Newspaper of Record- A motion was made and unanimously passed to continue with designating The Message as the newspaper of record.

Town Service Officer- A motion was made and unanimously passed to reappoint Chris Blackey as Town Service Officer.

Emergency Management Director- A motion was made and unanimously passed to reappoint Kevin Beattie as EMD.

Windham Regional Commissioners- A motion was made and unanimously passed to reappoint Georgiana Mora and Denis Pinkernell as Windham Regional Commissioners.

Zoning Administrator- A motion was made and unanimously passed to reappoint Paul Dexter to a three year term as Zoning Administrator.

Floodplain Administrator- A motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint Paul Dexter as Floodplain Administrator. Paul has been serving in this capacity but had not previously been formally appointed.

Fire truck contract- The Town received a draft sales contract from Smeal, the company building the truck. There are several questions to be answered before moving ahead with it. A motion was made and unanimously passed to table until questions are answered.

Glebe Mtn. Gardens bill- The Town received a bill from Glebe Mtn. Gardens for gardening work done last year for the Mountain Valley Challenge. A motion was made to send it back with an explanation that the Town is not responsible for this bill. Passed unanimously. A check was also received from Mountain Valley Challenge to the Town of Londonderry for \$83.00, which is apparently a bank balance from when Mtn. Valley Challenge disbanded. This will be returned as well, with the suggestion that it be applied toward the Glebe Mtn. Gardens bill.

Windham County tax bill- The bill unexpectedly went up by \$7000, about 33%. We have complained that we had no notice of such a substantial increase before the Town completed its budget. A motion was made and unanimously passed to pay the bill, but include a letter explaining the Town's objection to the surprise increase.

VTrans Annual Financial Plan- There was discussion that in the future we will go back to separating winter and summer roads in our budget, which will give more accurate numbers for this document. A motion was made and unanimously passed to sign the plan as calculated by VTrans.

Adjourned at 9:30.