

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 17, 2014

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Kevin Beattie, GNAT TV, Duane Hart, Victoria Silsby, Jim Wilbur, Sharon Crossman, Melissa Hart, Josh Wengerd, Susan McMahon, Emmett Dunbar, Debbie O'Leary

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

**Pay orders** were signed.

**Announcements-** Dog license renewals due by April 1.

Paul and Cathy are signed up to go to the Selectboard Institute in April.

Paul sent a press release to area papers on the unveiling of the new website.

**Selectboard annual organizational meeting-** Motions were made and unanimously approved to:

- Appoint Jim Ameden as selectboard chair
- Appoint Steve Prouty as Vice Chair
- Adopted Robert's Rules for Small Meetings as the rules of order.
- Adopted The Message as the newspaper of record.
- The Town Administrator will put together the meeting agendas, to be sent out to the Selectboard on the Friday before the meeting for approval.
- For pay orders between regular meetings, authority designated to any available selectboard member to sign, contingent on determining that this is a legal procedure.

**Visitors and Concerned Citizens-**

**The Collaborative-** Victoria Silsby attended to ask if the Selectboard and Town Clerk would attend a training put on by Steve Waldo of Vermont Liquor Control. Attendees would include officials from Londonderry and Stratton. The training would cover the roles and responsibilities of the Town's decision makers regarding issuing Liquor Licenses. The board agreed and asked for scheduling it for late afternoon or early evening with Monday, 4/14 being a preferred date.

**Village Center Designation-** Planning Commission members and Susan McMahon of the Windham Regional Commission spoke with the board about Village Center Designation. This designation would help to provide tax credits and certain state grants for improvements to commercial and certain public buildings within the designated area. The board expressed interest in looking further into it. The Planning Commission will work with Susan to recommend boundaries for proposed Designated Village Centers in both of Londonderry's villages, then come back to the Selectboard on 4/7 for further consideration. No action was taken at this meeting.

**Planning Commission appointment-** The Planning Commission recommended appointment of Josh Wengerd to the commission for a three year term, to fill out the remainder of Joel Kuhlberg's term, who resigned this year. A motion was made and unanimously approved to appoint Josh.

**Minutes of the March 3rd meeting** were approved and signed.

### **Roads and bridges-**

**Overweight permits-** Permits were unanimously approved for Williams Construction, Chaves Excavating, Gurney Bros., L.E. Weed, G.W. Tatro, Lawrence White Construction, and Camp Precast Concrete. An application from Crandall Logging was tabled pending receipt of an insurance certificate.

**F-550 extended warranty-** Warranty's offered are good for 7 years, 100,000 miles, or 4,000 hours, whichever comes first. The truck currently is just over 4 years old, has about 60,000 miles, and 3131 hours. The board agreed that the cost of an extended warranty would not be worthwhile because of the limited time that it would be valid. There was discussion of trading the truck. A purchase is not in the budget for this year, so we will investigate the timing of a trade and when it can be done. No action was taken at this meeting.

**Salt and sand usage-** For last week, 61 tons of salt, 134 yards of sand. The 61 tons of salt was not actual usage as it included an adjustment between the Town's and VTran's figures.

**Rear tires for the backhoe-** They need to be replaced. Duane has a price of approximately \$731.00 per tire for bias ply tires. Radials are about \$1400 apiece. Duane is suggesting going with the cheaper tires and the board agreed, but will check to see if recaps are available first.

**Resignation-** Tim Olesky has resigned from the road crew. The board discussed plans for hiring another person.

### **Transfer Station items-**

New signs are put up that Paul Gordon donated.

**Liquor Board-** None.

### **Old business-**

None.

### **New business-**

**Windham Regional Commission appointments-** A motion was made and unanimously approved to reappoint Denis Pinkernell and Tom Buchanan to the WRC board.

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

**Tree Warden-** A motion was made and unanimously passed to reappoint Steve Prouty as Tree Warden.

**Parks Board-** A motion was made and unanimously passed to reappoint the following to the Parks Board until next Town Meeting: Kelly Pajala, Debbie O'Leary, Susie Wyman, Pam Ameden, and Colleen Gometz.

**West River Farmers Market Itinerant Vendor application-** A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the application, with a stipulation that the market may have to be moved or cancelled if demolition of 2306 North Main Street is active on a Saturday.

**Town Meeting minutes-** A motion was made and unanimously approved for the selectboard to approve the minutes as written, with two minor wording changes that were requested by Wendall Coleman. The approval is contingent on the Town Clerk agreeing with the two changes made.

**Local Emergency Operations Plan-** Kevin spoke to the need for the Town to become NIMS (National Incident Management System) compliant, including a requirement for some personnel to take ICS 100.

At 9:20 PM, a motion was made and passed to go into executive session for employee discussions.

**Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.**