

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2015

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Tina Labeau, Kelly Pajala

**Additions and deletions to the agenda-** A motion was made and unanimously passed to add the following items to the agenda:

PILOT issue

VTel tower

Overweight permits

**Pay orders-** None

**Announcements-** Town Meeting tomorrow, start time is 9:30 AM. The Town Clerk's office and the Transfer Station will be closed.

**Correspondence-** Spring Selectboard Institute, Construction Contracts workshop, Windham County tax bill, Current Use letter regarding Cowles to Town transfer, Windham town plan hearing, Efficiency Vermont- municipal buildings

**Visitors and Concerned Citizens-** None

**Minutes-** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. A discussion of wording on the VTel project as written in the minutes occurred. The minutes were amended to delete the word "cell" when describing the project. A motion was made and unanimously passed to delete the word "cell". The minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

**Roads and bridges-**

**Grader-** The engine rebuild will cost approximately \$5000, plus estimated labor to install of \$2500. There will be a one year warranty on the rebuilt engine.

There was discussion of purchase of a new grader. Duane is aware of a Volvo demo that is available.

**Through traffic restriction on Overweight Permits-** Information from the Department of Motor Vehicles verifies that we can place the through traffic restriction on Middletown and Thompsonburg Roads, provided that the restriction is filed annually with DMV. A motion was made and unanimously passed to continue to place the restriction on permits issued.

**Transfer Station-** Keith anticipates a need for a load of stone for the yard once spring breakup gets here.

**Liquor Board-** None

**Old business-**

**VTel tower-** Steve asked if the Selectboard should make a position statement regarding the project application, particularly in light of its not being consistent with our Town Plan regarding height of the tower. No action was taken at this meeting.

**New business-**

**Town Meeting planning-** Wendell has requested that Jim open the meeting and lead the Pledge of Allegiance, until the Moderator is elected.

Bob wants to be sure that speakers use the microphone so that everyone can hear.

**PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)-** There is proposed legislation that would reduce the payment made from the State to the Town through this fund. A motion was made and unanimously passed to write a letter to Oliver Olsen opposing this proposed legislation.

**Overweight Permits-** Permits were unanimously approved for Weston Island Logging and Camp Precast Concrete. Weston Island Logging was approved subject to receipt of their liability insurance certificate.

**Thanks to Bob Cowles-** Jim thanked Bob for his 18 years of service on the Selectboard.

**Lister salary-** A raise in hourly rate for the head lister will be brought up at a future meeting

A motion was made and unanimously passed to go into executive session at 8:15, for employee matters.

Came out of executive session and adjourned at 8:30