

**Town of Londonderry Selectboard**  
**Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Minutes**  
*Approved March 21, 2016*

1. **Call meeting to order**

**Board members present:** Jim Ameden, Paul Gordon, Wayne Blanchard and Steve Prouty.

**Staff present:** Tina Labeau, Kelly Pajala, Kevin Beattie, Esther Fishman and Duane Hart.

**Absent:** Will Reed sent his regrets.

**Jim Ameden started the meeting at 7:06 p.m.**

First order of business was to elect a chair and vice-chair of the Select Board.

Town Clerk Kelly Pajala called for nominations for Chairman.

Wayne nominated for chairman.

Paul moved that nomination be closed.

Motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was turned over to Jim.

Paul nominated Steve Prouty vice-chairman.

Paul moved that nomination be closed.

Motion passed with all in favor.

2. **Additions or deletions to the agenda**

Addition of Policing under Town Officials Business and Mighty Londonderry under Old Business.

Remove Organizational Meeting from New Business.

**Paul made a motion for the recommended additions/deletions. Wayne seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.**

3. **Minutes**

- a. **Regular Board of Selectmen's Minutes – Monday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and Monday February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Paul made a motion to approve the minutes for February 15, 2016 as printed. Steve seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.**

**Paul made a motion to approve the minutes for February 29, 2016 as printed. Steve seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.**

4. **Select board pay orders**

**Passed around for signing.**

5. **Announcements/correspondence**

- Correspondence were passed around.
- Esther Fishman said that the solid waste plan requires survey in particular years. The survey is linked on their website and can be completed by anyone in the solid waste district.
- Kelly Pajala reminded residents that all dogs must be registered or re-registered by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Green Mountain Veterinary Hospital the morning of 3/17 – hosting a rabies clinic. Call Town Office for more information.

6. **Visitors and concerned citizens**

7. **Town official's business**

- a. **Overweight Permits**

**Permit applications received for:**

- **Jason Carrara Trucking**
- **United Natural Foods, Inc**
- **Savage Trucking**
- **Gurney Brothers Construction**
- **The Belden Company**
- **Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc.**

All applicants have submitted their certificate of insurance and payment.

Steve made a motion to approve all applications as presented. Wayne seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

**b. Policing**

- Peter Pagnucco from the policing committee was in attendance, as was Lt. Oliver from the Vermont State Police.
- Peter presented a standard-form contract which outlines hours and dollars.
- Another document was drafted that outlines the types of patrols, etc. that the Town is looking for. The committee outlined what had been put out by the citizens and Board as far as concerns.
- Lt. Oliver said they are committed to creating a document and a plan that will fulfill the needs and wishes of the Town.
- The committee met last week, however the full Board was not invited and Steve was displeased with this. Peter said he will note this for the future. Paul shared that the committee will be meeting again on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Town Office/Twitchell Building. All are welcome.
- Peter noted that we will also get reporting of time spent and types of stops, etc.
- Steve asked if anything had been drafted to cover us if the contract is signed and what if it is petitioned. Lt. Oliver said that they will use the usual contract, but in good faith, in those 30 days, if we are no longer going to go through it, they will stop. Committed to working with us for whatever fits.
- Peter noted the rate has changed \$2 – so we need to indicate \$86,000. Lt. Oliver said he has two troopers living in Town now that are going to be expected to patrol at the start and end of their shifts.
- Esther Fishman asked if there will be a report in the papers that indicate what the calls were. Paul added that such information we plan to put in the newsletter, etc.

**Paul made a motion to sign the contract and the addendum with the Vermont State Police with the understanding of the verbal agreement from Lt. Oliver about getting out of it if necessary. Wayne seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.**

- Lt. Oliver will get it signed and will send along a final signed copy at the start of business tomorrow.
- Tina asked about how the contract is paid. Lt. Oliver said that the officers will code their time and it will be billed to us bi-weekly.

**8. Roads and bridges**

**a. Updates**

- Duane said they are prepping for mud with the warmer weather forecasted this week.
- Display screen on grader was repaired today.
- Duane also sent end of month reports to Will Reed, new board member, that he sends to the Board and last two-year work-plans for him to be updated on what has been done and where we are at.

**9. Transfer Station/ Recycling Center-**

- Esther Fishman was in attended to request a new computer and software, not to exceed \$1,500.
- Jim asked if was in budget, and it had gotten left out. Esther said looking at the budget, printed materials and buckets and bailing wire – she feels she can pull from there to buy the needed equipment. Paul added it was intended to be and was inadvertently left off.
- Paul mentioned the future of the old piece that it is going to replace. Stephanie and he are working on a plan for that – such as a clause in the Purchasing Policy. Esther said someone has interest in purchasing the old computer for a school student, once it is cleaned out. Once we figure it out we can let her know.

**Steve made a motion to approve the purchase of a new computer and software not to exceed \$1,500. Paul seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.**

## 10. New Business

### a. **Newspaper of Record**

- **Paul made a motion to move the article of Newspaper of Record to discuss. Steve seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.**
- Paul asked the Chester Telegraph if they fit the requirement of newspaper of record. Shaun indicated that based on reading the statue based on the usage of the term newspaper it does not indicate it must be a print document.
- Steve commented that he reads it and it has great quality, however the older folks that do not use a computer will not have access.
- Paul said he would like to stay with a printed paper at this time, and that we could look at making a change in the future with further clarification and that the paper document suits the needs of the Town more. The two printed papers are delivered to all residents. Jim concurred.
- Kevin Beattie suggested the Town get a legal opinion before going with an online paper. **Paul made a motion to adopt The Vermont Journal as the Newspaper of Record for the year. Wayne seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.**
- Paul cited circulation, lower rate, and Londonderry coverage as reasons to choose.

## 11. Old business

### a. **Municipal Streetlight Initiative**

- Documents from Efficiency Vermont were shared with the Board. Paul said the estimate was it would be a \$4,500 savings. He confirmed with them that there would be no other costs incurred with the change. This incentive grant covers the expenses to change over.

**Paul made a motion to approve the Efficiency Vermont Incentive Agreement Project #012-AV93 for the Town of Londonderry. Steve seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.**

### b. **Land Purchase/Assessment**

- Jim said there is a petition against the vote circulating for the Select Board to hold a special meeting on the amended article of \$10,000 for the study.
- Jim said there is confusion amongst some around the outcome of the vote and tabling the matter versus voting it down. Steve said Lisa Yrsha is also frustrated. They will work with us for a month or so, but otherwise are moving forward with their own project/application to Act 250.
- Cathy said it was not explained or put out to the voters very well. It is time to move forward – get a contact or terms on paper and any studies that would need to be done.
- Kelly noted as a port of order, once petition is received, special meeting must happen within 60-days. Also, before moving forward with a purchase, another special meeting will need to be held.

- Jim said he would be hesitant to move forward with any contract if there is a petition is coming forward.
- Paul is willing to talk to the Yrsha's about documents based on property contingency's moving forward, recognizing it will take at least two votes (one on the amendment and if approved another to approve purchase if pursued). Time will be needed for any studies to be completed before final vote on purchase. Jim agreed we need talk to them about where we are at after Town Meeting and what possible time-frames are being looked at.
- Duane said he is meeting with VTrans about spring projects. He anticipates a one-year mandate to find a new place for salt/sand storage and asked the Board consider that need. Jim added that the studies and design are already done for this project for the Prouty land. The Board at the time didn't proceed. There is some Town and State permitting that would still need to be completed. Jim said the documents should not be hard to find.
- Kevin noted that the voters were very clear with their questions at Town Meeting and the Board should look at those questions and how to get them answered to satisfy the voters.
- Paul noted that there had been some question about the expense of special meetings. Someone had said they heard it would be \$10,000 - no. There would be printing and mailing costs and for holding the meeting. Kelly confirmed the cost would be minimal. Kelly added there were question about Australian Ballot usage for certain articles. She said we could vote to move to that method, but you can't pick and choose articles. Jim said there would not be able to be discussion or amendments voted on.
- **Paul and Steve will work together to contact the Yrsha's.**

**c. Mighty Londonderry**

- Bruce Frauman addressed the Board regarding the Facebook page. It is now being personally run by George Maura – the name has changed and all references to Town of Londonderry or CRO have been removed. He noted they thanked those who had filled out their survey's, and that they would be doing a mailing.

12. **Adjourn**

**Wayne made a motion to adjourn. Paul seconded. Motion passed with all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.**