

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2015

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Wayne Blanchard, Kevin Beattie, Steve Twitchell, Keith Barton, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Tina Labeau, Dick Dale, Oliver Olsen, Kelly Pajala, Wendy Arace, Roger Sheehan, Keith Clark, Bob Cowles, Bob Wells, Joel Kuhlberg, Gale Kuhlberg, Dennis Pinkernell, Matthew Mosher, Shawn Cunningham, Mallory Hopkins, Hilary Dawley, Pete Cobb, Jean Zammataro, Annie Fuji, Matt Scott, Keith Taylor, Jim Linville, Laurie Mullen, Taylor Barton, Josh Wengerd

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

A motion was made and unanimously approved to go into executive session for employee reviews.

Came out of executive session and convened the regular meeting at 7:10.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- None

Correspondence- The following correspondence was passed around: PACIF letter from Jim Carrien, letter from VT Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Red Cross annual meeting notice, zoning enforcement letter to Chad and Anna Stoddard, VLCT News

Announcements- Paul thanked the Rotary Club for work on purchasing flags and getting them up, and numerous flower barrels around town. He also thanked the Garden Club for assisting with the flower barrels.

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens

Windham County Sheriff Keith Clark- Sheriff Clark spoke to the board about policing that the Sheriff's Department could provide to the Town of Londonderry, and answered numerous questions from the board and others in attendance. Contracted full time coverage would cost in the range of \$250,000-270,000 annually. If the Town were to contract for this level of service, there would need to be office space in town.

Bob Wells asked the selectboard to consider forming a task group to explore various options for policing. Two selectboard members from Weston raised the idea of the two towns form a partnership for obtaining policing services and asked if the two selectboards could discuss it.

Memorial Park- Memorial Parks Board members discussed with the selectboard open meeting laws and structuring meetings. The selectboard offered to help with this and Paul Gordon will attend their next meeting.

In accordance with recommendations from our recent audit, Memorial Park funds should be managed along with other town funds by the Town Treasurer.

Minutes- A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the minutes for the 6/1 meeting.

Roads and bridges-

Overweight Permits- Applications were unanimously approved for TK Trucking, T&K Milk Hauling, Record Concrete, and Ameden Construction.

Mountain Lake Road improvements, Lowell Lake Road projects- The planned work has been completed on Mtn. Lake Rd. “No parking” signs are up.

Guardrails for the culvert project were discussed. Marc Pickering of VTTrans has said that he would approve wood. Wooden guardrails had been planned but the engineer is recommending weathering steel. Some selectboard members expressed preference for weathering steel for better longevity. Paul Gordon stated that he preferred wood.

Paul wrote a press release for the project. A motion was made and unanimously passed to send the press release to newspapers.

Paving- The Winhall Hollow Road paving is done. Total bill is \$318,677.40, of which \$6300 is for a small section of West River Street. There has been some damage to the new pavement on West River Street by a local contractor unloading an excavator. He has been made aware of the damage.

Transfer Station- A discussion of cash management and a policy regarding charges for nonprofits is scheduled for the next regular meeting on 7/6.

Liquor Board- Permit applications from Magic Mountain Resorts were unanimously approved and signed.

Old business-

Town Administrator position- Jim Ameden is working on modifications to the job description. He will send out his notes.

Champion fire truck lease, meeting- Jim Ameden has spoken with officers of Champion Fire about a meeting. After discussion, a Special Meeting was scheduled for this Wednesday, June 17th at 5:30 PM for the following: meeting with Champion Fire to put together a lease agreement, discussion of the Town Administrator job description, and work on other policies.

Drug and Alcohol Policy- A motion was made and unanimously passed to adopt the draft policy dated June 15th. A motion was made and unanimously passed to designate Kelly Pajala as the Designated Employee Representative. There was some discussion about files security and the need for confidentiality.

Buyout property projects- Josh Wengert asked, if there was a volunteer commitment to taking care of maintenance, would it alleviate concerns about maintenance costs.

Paul Gordon stated that he is ready to personally guarantee that maintenance will be done, and will do it himself if needed. The Rotary Club has offered to help as well.

Paul made a motion: "I move at this time that we approve the Buyout #2 and Buyout #3 grant proposals, with the contingency that the Planning Commission talk with the abutting property owners to make sure that those plans are in agreement with them, and that we move forward". After discussion, the motion was defeated with a vote of 2 yes and 3 no.

The Planning Commission is meeting with the Parks Board on Thursday to continue work on the designs. The Planning Commission will look into whether the grant will still allow for significant modification of the plans.

Fire truck financing- Tina has a financing contract ready to sign between the Town and Community Leasing Partners, for the lease-purchase of the fire truck. A motion was made and unanimously approved to table signing the contract until the 6/17 Special Meeting.

New Business-

Internal Control Checklist- Tina presented a checklist from the State Auditor's Office that she has filled out and is to be signed by the Selectboard. A motion was made for the board to sign it. The motion passed with 4 yes and one abstaining.

Bob Cowles asked for time to address the board and spoke to his desire to make the town as attractive and pleasing as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.