

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2015

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Wayne Blanchard, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Tina Labeau, George Lang, Matthew Mosher, Cristina Muia of the Vermont Journal

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed to add discussion of a copy of correspondence from Downs, Rachlin, and Martin to the Public Service Board regarding the proposed VTel tower on Glebe Mountain.

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Announcements- Paint drop off day at the Riley Rink in Manchester, April 18th. See further information on the Town's website.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens- None.

Minutes- A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the 3/30 minutes with corrections as requested by Paul.

Roads and bridges-

Discussion of a letter sent by Duane to the Selectboard- Duane urges a team atmosphere approach for all of Londonderry town government.

Duane is going to a **Municipal Construction Contracting Workshop** on Thursday.

Spring-Summer-Fall Work Plan- Duane presented his work plan to the board. It will be posted on the website. Roadside mowing was discussed and Duane will get some prices on contracting the mowing out.

Graders- The new grader is in use, the old grader's motor has arrived back and it should be running soon.

Better Back Roads grant- A motion was made and unanimously approved to apply for a grant for culvert replacements on West River Street. Duane will work on the application.

Memorial Drive- A citizen who lives on the road asked that it be brought up at the selectboard meeting the condition of the road this spring, which she says is worse than usual.

Transfer Station- Sam can't work on Mothers Day. Keith or Steve Prouty will cover.

Liquor Board- Applications for JLS Magic for general and outside consumption were approved and signed.

Old business-

Community Resilience Organization appointments- George Mora, Bruce Frauman, and Dick Dale have volunteered to be on a committee for this effort. A motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint these three persons to the Town's CRO committee. A motion was made and unanimously passed to pay \$35.00 per person for the three committee members to attend a work session at Basin Harbor in May.

Fire truck contract- Financing options have not yet been looked at closely. A motion was made and unanimously approved sign the contract sent by Richard Peck on 3/23/15, and signed by him on 3/5/15. Next steps include: obtaining a timeline for truck completion, finalizing financing, and a lease agreement between the Town and Champion. We will set up a joint meeting with the Selectboard and Champion to work out some of the details.

Winter Roads Policy- A draft policy has been developed. A motion was made and unanimously passed to adopt the policy as written. A copy was not available to sign so it will be signed next meeting. Work will continue on other policy drafts.

Dog Ordinance- Changes to the existing Dog Ordinance were discussed. Enforcement is a difficult issue. Paul mentioned that some of the Town's job descriptions are being looked at as well.

VTel tower application- VTel has amended their application to the Public Service Board to reduce the height of the tower from 140' to 100'. Board members expressed concern whether the height reduction will reduce effectiveness. Cathy will make contact with VTel representatives to find out more information.

New business-

Town Office cleaning- Kelly feels that the cleaning can be done by members of the Town Clerk and Treasurer's staff. A motion was made and unanimously passed to cancel the current cleaning arrangement and have Clerk and Treasurer staff do it.

Auditors Report- The 2014 audit resulted in several identified deficiencies in the Town's financial systems and controls. Tina has responded to the auditors and is working on some changes to address some of the identified deficiencies. The Town needs to address an identified lack controls over cash handling at the Transfer Station.

Life and disability insurance- VLCT PACIF, our insurance carrier, is offering various life and disability packages. The board would like to take another look at what AFLAC offers as well.

Dry hydrants- Kevin asked if there were any dry hydrant needs in town.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to go into executive session at 9:08.

Came out of executive session and adjourned at 9:30.