

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2015

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Wayne Blanchard, Cathy Aragi, Kevin Beattie, Tina Labeau, Duane Hart, Dick Dale, Matthew Mosher, Bob Cowles, Bridgette Blanchard, Irwin Kuperberg, Larry Gubb, Marge Beckwith, Helen Hamman, GNAT TV, Bruce Frauman

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed to add the following items to the agenda: Bridgette Blanchard regarding use of the Town Hall, Larry Gubb regarding an RFP for site engineering at the Town Office.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to add a discussion of renewal of the Health Reimbursement Account.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to add a discussion of putting a deer stand on Town property.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to add Jeff Yrsha regarding the Waterwheel Real Estate property.

Correspondence- The following correspondence was passed around: Letter from Alan Schmidt about property taxes, VLCT News, Comcast application to the Public Service Board.

Announcements- Paul recently attended a budgeting and borrowing workshop.

Paul thanked the Farmers Market for a very successful Community Dinner event.

There is a safety meeting with VTrans this Thursday for the four way intersection in South Londonderry.

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Bridgette Blanchard asked the board about using the Town Hall for roller skating practice. A motion was made and unanimously passed to allow the use, subject to the Baptist Church being OK with it, and the selectboard will inspect it after the first use to evaluate the impact on the floor.

Champion truck lease- Matthew Mosher represented Champion Fire Co. He and the board went through a draft of the lease line by line, and came to tentative agreement on the content.

Waterwheel property- Jeff Yrsha discussed the property with the selectboard. He recently purchased it in foreclosure auction, and is willing to entertain an offer from the Town to purchase it. Everyone agreed to meet in executive session for more discussion at 6:00 on October 19th.

Town Officials Business-

Planning Commission- Larry Gubb asked the selectboard to approve sending out an RFP for engineering site design around the Town Office. A motion was made and unanimously passed to send out the RFP.

Conservation Commission appointments- Conservation Commission member Irwin Kuperberg introduced Marge Beckwith and Helen Hamman, who are being recommended by the Conservation Commission to become members. A motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint both. The motion included thanks to Bob Trask for his many years of service.

Minutes- Minutes of the 9/21/15 meeting were unanimously approved.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to amend the 9/28/15 minutes to remove the name of an applicant for the Town Administrator position. A motion was then made and unanimously passed to approve the 9/28 minutes as amended.

Roads and bridges-

Middletown Road study- Steve and Duane have reviewed the recommended signage and have listed the ones they feel we should install. Duane will submit what we want to do to VTrans.

Backhoe- There have been recent repairs. The machine is scheduled for replacement in 2017.

Bruce Frauman thanked the road crew for a good job on West River Street.

Transfer Station-

Nonprofit fee waiver application- A motion was made and unanimously passed to adopt the application draft dated 10/5/15. The policy to charge all nonprofits, unless they have applied for and received a waiver, will take effect January 1, 2016. It was agreed that all the Town governments need to apply as well.

RFP for plowing and sanding- A motion was made and unanimously passed to advertise it.

Hazardous waste collection went well.

Liquor Board- None

Old business-

Facilities Use Policy- A motion was made and unanimously passed to adopt the draft of 10/5/15.

Town Administrator position- The board is meeting with an applicant on 10/8 at 6:15 PM.

Brownfields Program soils study access request- A motion was made and unanimously passed to deny the request.

Platt Hazard Mitigation Grant Program projects- FEMA has approved the two floodproofing projects applied for.

New Business-

Budget process- There was discussion about whether budget work sessions need to comply with open meeting laws. In general there is not a quorum of the selectboard at these work sessions and the board feels that they are not subject to open meeting laws. Members of the public are not excluded from these work sessions.

Speed cart for Route 11- The Beautification Committee has asked if the Town could arrange for a speed cart on Route 11 due to concerns about the speed of vehicles while their members are working on the flower boxes on the bridges. A motion was made and unanimously passed to follow through with Vermont State Police and VTrans to set up a speed cart on Route 11.

Deer stand on Town property- A local citizen has asked for permission to put up a deer stand on the Prouty property. Permission was granted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22.