

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2015

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Wayne Blanchard, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Tina Labeau, Dick Dale, Esther Fishman

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed to add the Town Administrator position under Old Business.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to add “Knowledge Wave” under Town Officials.

Correspondence- The following correspondence was passed around: Wastewater permit for Frank and Daloris DeRita, notices of property foreclosures, Vermont Land Trust newsletter, VLCT newsletter

Announcements- The Policing Committee met on 8/11 and will be meeting again on 8/27.

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens- None

Town Officials Business-

Transfer Station- Esther presented a draft form for nonprofits to apply for a waiver from tipping fees. She has asked around and in most places fire departments and rescue squads are not exempt from fees. Should the form have a question about financial need? Further discussion was tabled to another meeting and no action was taken.

A-Z List- The list is fairly complete and is ready to post. There was some general discussion about charging by weight and the resulting need for scales. The board agreed to post the list.

Stump dump and compost pile- Esther solicited quotes for leveling the stump dump and turning over the compost pile, from Chaves Excavating, Weston Island Logging, Merrill Excavating, Randy Ameden, and TAM Inc. Weston Island Logging quoted \$3200 and Chaves quoted \$2775. A motion was made and unanimously passed to have Chaves Excavating do the work at the quoted price of \$2775.

Cash management- Esther is still investigating how a bag system is working for other towns and districts.

Planning Commission- Dick Dale alerted the board that the Planning Commission will be seeking a municipal planning grant for the Town Plan update.

Larry Gubb presented a draft RFP for site work design around the Town Office. The plan would be to put out the RFP and receive proposals prior to budget season and establishing the Warning for Town Meeting. Award of a proposal would be contingent on Town Meeting vote. The board agreed to proceed with putting out the RFP.

Treasurer- Tina asked if the board is interested in purchasing a membership for “Knowledgewave”, a VLCT sponsored webinar course series for computer skills. Many of the courses are free for members. Membership is \$50. A motion was made and unanimously passed to purchase the membership.

Minutes- Minutes of August 3rd were unanimously approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Budget and year to date numbers- Duane and Tina met to clarify and adjust some of the year to date numbers.

Haven Hill Road- Working on tree trimming and ditching. There’s an issue with an electric fence wire and a culvert for a log landing access.

Liquor Board- None

Old business-

Watermill Real Estate property- The board discussed whether there are any workable options for the Town to bid on this property, which is up for foreclosure auction in September. No action was taken.

Champion lease agreement- Details of the lease are still being worked out. No action was taken.

Town Administrator position- The position opening has been advertised. It will also be sent out on the Town’s email list. We have two responses to date. Paul will send a response to applicants. Paul will also work to set up interviews with the two applicants on 8/31.

Policies, job descriptions, and ordinances- The board reviewed the latest draft produced by Paul for the Facilities Use Agreement and discussed its content. Many of the provisions in the draft agreement address alcohol use and ties in with the existing Alcohol Ordinance.

New Business-

Platt Hazard Mitigation project- Windham Regional Commission has prepared a revised application for raising the old post office property which is owned by Tom and Judith Platt. The Town is the signer of the application. A motion was made and unanimously approved to sign the application.

Street light program- Efficiency Vermont is offering an LED program for streetlights. A motion was made and unanimously passed to apply for a Memorandum of Agreement for the program.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39.