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**Selectboard Regular Meeting Meeting Minutes
Thetford Town Offices
Monday October 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm.**

(Times listed below are approximate)

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Selectboard Members Present: John Bacon, James Dixon, Jessica Eaton, Stuart Rogers

Others present: Jim Masland, Tracy Borst (Town Clerk), Jill Graff (Town Treasurer), Marty Moses (Selectboard Assistant)

Community Members Present: Bill Huff, Liora Alschuler, Brigid Guttmacher, Alan Guttmacher, Richard and Holly Towle, Jane Chambers, Susan Farrell, Alexis Jetter, Lisa Cudhea, Barbara DeFelice, Bethany Moreton, Pamela Voekel, Joy Gaine, Li Shen, Edith Forbes, Catharine Newbury, Sherry Merrick, Keith Merrick, Susan and Paul Rump, Lelia Meller, Annelise Orlech, Karen Kaliski, Bruce Nelson, Mark McMahon, Olivia Champman, John and Libby Chapin, Jennifer Loros, Jay Dunlap

Public Comment 7:03 p.m.

Liora Alschuler brought up concerns about the ditching along Sanborn road. Stuart Rogers said Chad Martin and Mary Ellen Parkman should be notified.

Correspondence 7:07 p.m.

The Selectboard received information from Extra Mile Day – requesting a proclamation for an extra mile day (a citizen who has gone the extra mile for the town) in November. The Selectboard will review for discussion at the next meeting.

The Selectboard received word that the Robinson Hill road pavement repair will happen next Wednesday, weather permitting.

James Dixon said there will be a Tri Town meeting this Thursday, October 20th at 5:00 p.m., at the Fairlee Grange Building.

Jessica Eaton said she would email the property owner near the Recycling Center.

Minutes and Warrants 7:09 p.m.

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Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the warrants as presented. Seconded by John Bacon.
VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)

The minutes of 10/12 Selectboard meeting will be reviewed at the October 24th meeting.

Discussion of Road Intersection Concerns 7:21 p.m.

The discussion was delayed because property owners at the corner of Clay Road and Schoolhouse Road were unable to attend and requested a meeting next week at the property.

Motion by Jessica Eaton to have the Zoning Administrator draft a letter to the property owner outlining a timeline for what needs to happen with plants at the intersection. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Forum for Appointment to Selectboard Vacancy 7:55 p.m.

Stuart Rogers opened the forum by explaining that the Selectboard has a vacancy and an appointment will be made until Town Meeting Day. Town Meeting will be on March 4th, with elections taking place on March 7th. Stuart Rogers said the Selectboard had four letters of interest in the vacancy; one was disqualified because they were not registered to vote in VT, and another was unable to be at the Selectboard meeting.

Alexis Jetter and Bill Huff were at the Selectboard meeting and had submitted letters of interest. Each had an opportunity to introduce themselves and talk about why they wanted to be a member of the Selectboard. This was followed by a period of questions from the Selectboard and community members at the meeting.

Update of Treasure Island Seasonal Closure 9:03 p.m.

The Selectboard discussed what still needed to be done at Treasure Island;

The floats need to be grounded, and DPW will put them up on skids.

The gate section cable will be installed, in a manner that will allow parking for the ice fishing.

Stuart Rogers addressed questions that had been circulating about closing down Treasure Island. The heat has been turned off, and house has been winterized.

There was discussion about money available for Treasure Island. Stuart Rogers said a lot of money had to be used to replace the artesian well pump.

There was discussion about the plan for the appliances, which are currently in the house.

There was discussion about the change from a caretaker to manager model. The Selectboard was informed that the Treasure Island Advisory Committee had already disbanded.

Alexis Jetter reminded the Selectboard of the meeting on October 23rd, for people to come and discuss ideas for Treasure Island.

9:30-9:40 Old Business

- 2016 Working List

The Selectboard will receive an electronic version of the Route 132 report later in the week.

Thetford Hill pedestrian project: Stuart Rogers said the right-of-way easements were just being completed a second time. Stuart Rogers said the Town will need to consider how to implement a maintenance plan for the sidewalks and crosswalks. This will be added to the budget discussions.

- Upcoming Agendas

- Rt. 113 Paving Project Update

The Route 113 paving project is close to completion. There will still be some line painting, including stop lines. There will also be drainage work done at the top of the hill near the church.

- Lake Fairlee Dam Reconstruction Update

James Dixon said he will find out when the coffer dam will be pulled. Final inspection of the dam are expected this week.

- Other Business

Stuart Rogers said GUVWM are willing to have two collection dates for electronics in 2017.

- Opening of Budget Season Discussions

There was discussion of health insurance as it relates to budget. Bill Huff said the Selectboard needs to make sure the employees know the pros and cons of the healthcare changes. This led into discussion of a wage matrix. Previous Selectboards had begun work on the matrix, and questions were raised about where it is located. The Selectboard agreed to have an in-depth discussion at the next meeting.

- Town Employee Health Insurance Benefit Discussion (cont.)

Jessica Eaton pointed out that time is limited for discussion if they want to spend time talking with employees who qualify for health insurance. The Selectboard agreed to individually connect with employees and report back.

- Town Hall Septic Update

The Town Hall septic is scheduled to be pumped out on Wednesday, October 26th. The previous times were in 2011 and 2014.

- Credit Card Discussion Update?

The Selectboard discussed having a pilot program for the basketball and skiing registrations only. Credit card payments would go through MyRec. There would be a transactional user fee, at no cost to the Town.

Motion by Stuart Rogers at 10:09 p.m. to discuss personnel and union updates in an Executive Session *per Discussion of Matters per 1 V.S.A., subsection 313, paragraphs A 1 & 3.* Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by John Bacon to exit Executive Session at 10:42 p.m. Seconded by James Dixon
VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)

No action taken at this time.

Motion by John Bacon to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 10:43 p.m. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to exit Executive Session at 11:08 p.m. Seconded by John Bacon.
VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)

Motion by John Bacon to appoint Bill Huff to the vacant seat on the Selectboard, to be effective from swearing in until Town Meeting Day. Seconded by Jessica Eaton. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Jessica Eaton to accept the notice of disbandment of the Treasure Island Advisory Council, as stated earlier during Open Meeting. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)** For the record, the TIAC stated they had disbanded of their own accord in June 2016, however, had never notified the Selectboard of that decision. At this time, there is no official Town appointed or affiliated advisory group representing Treasure Island. Any such are community organized only.

Motion by John Bacon to adjourn the regular Selectboard meeting at 11:17 p.m. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

The regular Selectboard meeting ended at 11:17 p.m.