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**Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thetford Town Offices  
Monday October 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm.**

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

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

Selectboard Members Absent:

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

Community Members present: Bill Huff, Ehrhard Frost, Bob Walker, Lisa Cudhea

**Public Comment 7:03 p.m.**

Ehrhard Frost discussed the challenges of a timber harvest at Town forests during the upcoming winter. Ehrhard Frost said if the Town is not going to harvest this winter, there should be plans for the next year.

Ehrhard Frost asked the Selectboard if there had been a decision about the trees for the Recycling Center. He will order them wholesale from Northern Nurseries as soon as the Selectboard makes a decision.

**Correspondence 7:14 p.m.**

The Selectboard received an email from a resident asking about the property being offered to the town, and that they would be interested in a site visit.

The Selectboard received information from Wilson and Lawrence, a company who has done upkeep on the tennis courts at Treasure Island in the past. Wilson and Lawrence gave an estimate of \$35,000 to make the court playable this spring.

The Selectboard received an email from Dale Gephart, representing The Camp Norway Waterfront Association, which currently consists of six families that own land that were formerly the main portion of Camp Norway. The email contained a petition from the Association with concerns about increased traffic specifically as it pertains to pedestrian safety, lake pollution and road maintenance.

### **Minutes and Warrants 7:18 p.m.**

#38.2 \$680.83

#25.3 \$43,198.21

#20.4 \$16,170.34

#37.1 \$43,602.52

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

**Motion** by James Dixon to accept the Selectboard meeting minutes of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as edited. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

### **Town Health Insurance Discussion & Update Sperry Wilson from the Richard's Group 7:35 p.m.**

Sperry Wilson said she had reached out to MVP regarding the current plan. MVP will be sending the Town a renewal letter in early November, which will indicate a 15% increase.

The following points were discussed;

- Viable options on the Health Exchange
- Options that offer a choice with fixed contribution, which allow an individual to shop down or buy up based on their insurance needs.
- Exchange plans with low co-payments, which can alleviate having a choice pay card.
- Recommendation for having just one provider, such as MVP or Blue Cross/Blue Shield.
- A plan can be changed from year to year during open enrollment, which starts on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and closes around December 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Sperry Wilson will provide a training in a group level session, as well as be available for one to one discussions on what would suit each individual best.
- Currently the Town covers cost of employee 100% plus one. Then additional family is deducted from employee.
- Comparison of HRA and HSA.
- Dental not currently purchased through Richard's Group.
- Sperry Wilson will bring information to the Selectboard about moving to the Health Exchange, and will look into dental insurance.
- Special Meeting will take place at the Town Hall on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **Energy Committee Request (Vital Communities) w/Bob Walker 8:44 p.m.**

Bob Walker gave the Selectboard an overview of the *Weatherize Upper Valley program*.

**Motion** by Jessica Eaton to have the Selectboard Chair sign the acknowledgement form for *Weatherize Upper Valley* with Vital Communities. Seconded by John Bacon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Bob Walker asked about an offer of grant money to the energy committee for low income weatherization. Stuart Rogers said in principle, the town would support the project, but the funds should not go through the town. Stuart Rogers said he would check with VLTC concerning volunteer workers.

### **Robinson Hill Road Paving Repair Bids 8:54 p.m.**

The Selectboard reviewed three bids for the repair of Robinson Hill Road. After review, the Selectboard decided to ask the Zoning Administrator to get references for R & S Asphalt Paving Company.

### **Treasure Island Seasonal Closing Update 9:02 p.m.**

**Motion** by John Bacon to close down house at Treasure Island for the winter and to use the designated plumber. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

**Motion** by Stuart Rogers to selvage the appliances from the house at Treasure Island with the Town Service Officer to those who are in need. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

The Selectboard would like to thank community members for any information concerning Treasure Island that may be gathered at the meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Building, but notes that the meeting is not presented by the Town.

### **Old Business 9:16 p.m.**

#### **- Rt. 113 Paving Project Update**

Vtrans reminded Pike Industries not to work during the Woods Trail Run on Saturday. It was noted that the State Meet will be on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Work on Route 113 is expected to be completed by then.

#### **- Lake Fairlee Dam Reconstruction Update**

The Selectboard discussed questions asked by residents near the Lake Fairlee Dam.

### **Other Business**

**Motion** by John Bacon for the Selectboard Chair to sign the propane supply agreement with Young's Propane for the paving hot box at the Town Garage. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0).**

**Motion** by Stuart Rogers to accept the letter of Selectboard comments to be presented to the Planning Commission at their next meeting. Seconded by John Bacon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

The Selectboard received notice of a kick-off event for Elizabeth Mine Solar Panels Project on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m.

**Motion** by Stuart Rogers for the Selectboard members to sign a letter to the Treasure Island Advisory Committee which will task them to explore, research, and inquire into 501c3 status. Seconded by John Bacon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

The Selectboard received an update from TRORC on their proposed energy plan meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairlee Town Hall. Stuart Rogers and the Zoning Administrator will attend.

**- Finalize of Road Work Paperwork (Signature)**

**Motion** by Stuart Rogers for the Selectboard members to sign the VTrans request for reimbursement for the Latham Road project. Seconded by John Bacon.  
**VOTE unanimous (4-0-0) 2**

**- Recycling Center Trees Update - Cost & Timing**

**Motion** by Stuart Rogers to go forward with the purchase of trees for the screening of the Recycling Center, as discussed with the Town Forester. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

**- Posting of DPW Future Position**

There will be a posting for a full time DPW position with Class B CDL license.

**Motion** by John Bacon to adjourn the regular Selectboard meeting at 10:37 p.m. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

**The regular Selectboard meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.**