



Town of Thetford

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Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes Thetford Town Offices

Monday, October 31, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Selectboard Members present: John Bacon, Jessica Eaton, Stuart Rogers

Selectboard Members absent: James Dixon, Bill Huff

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

Community Members present; none

Public Comment 7:05 p.m.

No public comment.

Correspondence 7:05 p.m.

The Selectboard received an email concerning sidewalk/crosswalk clearance and maintenance on Thetford Hill.

The Selectboard received a request from the Thetford Energy Committee for questions raised by the Town Attorney. There was discussion about funds received through non-profits, and monies raised by a town organization or committee.

Stuart Rogers reported that the abutter to Schoolhouse Road and Clay road will be moving lilacs bushes. Concerns were raised by the land owner about a culvert. There was discussion about the history of problems with the culvert and water runoff. There was discussion about tree limbs that could be potentially dangerous.

Minutes and Warrants 7:23 p.m.

#42.2 \$718.56

#42.1 \$5773.10

#22.4 \$16,325.49

#33.3 \$12,216.49

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the warrants as presented. Seconded by John Bacon. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Selectboard regular meeting minutes of October 24th, 2016, as edited. Seconded by John Bacon. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

Update of Liaison List 7:48 p.m.

Stuart Rogers has sent the 2016 Selectboard Liaisons list to Bill Huff, who is willing to take up some of the projects open due to a resignation on the Selectboard. The Selectboard will address the liaisons list next week, when all members are expected to be present.

The Selectboard reviewed a 3-year agreement for Cott Systems, which provides the computer software used for land records.

Motion by John Bacon to have the Selectboard Chair sign the agreement with Cott Systems for three years of computer software for land records. Seconded by Jessica Eaton. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

Update of Treasure Island Seasonal Closure 7:50 p.m.

All trash has been removed and the floats have been pulled in. The older float has some damage. There is a leak from the chimney, which goes into the living room area. The Selectboard discussed options to seal it for the winter.

Temporary gates have been installed.

There was discussion about burning 2 brush piles that have been there for several years.

There was discussion about putting the mower and weed whacker away for the winter.

Discussion of Meeting Capacity of the Common Room 8:00 p.m.

The Selectboard discussed location options for Selectboard meetings that might have a large community presence. Per Tim Angell, the State Fire Marshall, the Town Hall meeting room has a capacity of 36 – 40 people. Traditionally, towns have often used local church buildings for larger meetings, but there have been concerns raised by community members about the town meeting in a place of religion. The possibility of using the Town Garage was discussed. Stuart Rogers said he would contact Thetford Elementary School about the possibility of using their building.

Old Business 8:26 p.m.

- Upcoming Agendas

The Selectboard agreed to postpone the discussion about Treasure Island until documentation from the state is received and reviewed.

The Selectboard had a brief follow up discussion on health insurance.

Stuart Rogers and Jessica Eaton are scheduled to begin the budget process on November 15th.

- Rt. 113 Paving Project Update

Stuart Rogers had received information from Kevin McClure about stop lines. According to VTrans Standard E193, the road needs to be a certain width to get painted stop lines. The Route 113 paving project is now complete.

- Lake Fairlee Dam Reconstruction Update

Tracy Borst reported that the Fairlee Town Facebook page had posted that the dam is filled and Lake Fairlee is back up to its normal level. There was a brief follow up on the final cost of the Lake Fairlee Dam. There have been reports of the dam leaking. The project is now complete.

Other Business 8:33 p.m.

Ellis Paige requested permission to remove a pile of old roofing that is in the old landfill. The Selectboard determined there would be no value of the material because of the cost of removal. The Selectboard gave permission for Ellis Paige to remove the material.

There was discussion about Robinson Hill Road.

Notice of Upcoming Local Concerns Meeting for Trailhead Project on November 17th at 6:30 at Thetford Elementary School.

Notice of Upcoming Hearing for Grant Close-Out will happen during a Selectboard meeting (either 11/14 or 21). The Selectboard will close out a grant which was declined by Senior Affordable Housing. The grant was declined because the organization was unable to find a location for housing.

Stuart Rogers said he had started a review of the capital equipment schedule, and realized there were missing items. The Selectboard discussed items that should be on the list.

There was discussion about 2 DPW employees who are on a limited work schedule. There was discussion about the need for 2-way radios.

- Personnel Discussion (Executive Session)

Motion by John Bacon to discuss personnel in an Executive Session per *Discussion of Matters as per 1 V.S.A., subsection 313, paragraphs A 1 & 3.* Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

The Selectboard entered Executive Session at 9:23 p.m.

Motion by John Bacon to exit Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. Seconded by Jessica Eaton. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

No action taken at this time.

Motion by John Bacon to adjourn the regular Selectboard meeting at 9:47 p.m. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

The regular Selectboard meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.