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Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes Thetford Town Offices

Monday, November 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Selectboard members present: John Bacon, James Dixon, Jessica Eaton, Bill Huff, Stuart Rogers

Others present: Jill Graff (Town Treasurer), Marty Moses (SB assistant), Tracy Borst (Town Clerk)

Community members present: Ehrhard Frost, Charlie Shepherd, Samantha Perry, Paul Perry

Public Comment 6:04 p.m.

Ehrhard Frost reported to the Selectboard that he had reviewed work by Wade Reed and found no problems with it.

Motion by Bill Huff to have Ehrhard Frost prepare paperwork with Dan Clark, to utilize sub-contractor Wade Reed to harvest town forest property, included in the scheduled timber harvest.

Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE (4-1-0)** James Dixon not present for vote.

Ehrhard Frost also told the Selectboard that he hoped during budget discussions they consider the difference between town services that are essential and those that are optional.

Charlie Shepherd was at the meeting to discuss a problematic culvert in Union Village that backs up and causes flooding in his basement. Charlie Shepherd said this has been an ongoing issue for about 5 years. There was discussion about challenges to repairing the culvert. Stuart Rogers will contact the Zoning Administrator and DPW foreman to have them look at the culvert.

Samantha Perry asked the Selectboard about conservation signs that had been placed on the property of her in-laws. Jessica Eaton will contact an abutting land owner and James Dixon will contact the Conservation Committee.

Samantha Perry also wanted to know how to get a variance. The Selectboard told her to contact the Zoning Administrator and set up an appointment.

Correspondence 6:18 p.m.

The Selectboard had a request from a community member to be granted a walkthrough of the house at Treasure Island.

The Selectboard had received an email with photo attachments indicating the encroachment of 5 Corners Road on private property. The Selectboard discussed the width of the road and possible actions. The Selectboard will discuss with the DPW foreman.

The Selectboard received an email about the condition of Tucker Hill Road and danger to bicyclists.

The Selectboard had received a phone call from residents near the intersection of Clay Road and Schoolhouse Road informing them of a pile of leaves and debris that had been pushed into the middle of the road. The Selectboard discussed communication that has occurred with the property owners at the intersection, and what options to take. There was also discussion of moving the stop sign to the proper place. Police Chief Evans and the Zoning Commissioner have been to the intersection and given their recommendations to the Selectboard.

The Selectboard received an email from the Zoning Administrator about a recreation grant for \$10,000. The grant is a matching grant, and the funds would be used for a playset for Treasure Island.

The Selectboard discussed the Thetford Elder Network monthly luncheons, and the current practice for paying the cook. The Selectboard and Town Treasurer talked about the state requirements for someone considered a contract hire versus an employee. There was discussion about workman's comp. The Town Treasurer will review the necessary paperwork for a contract hire with Bill Huff, who is acting liaison for TEN.

The Selectboard discussed and reviewed the Union contract for DPW workers.

The Selectboard received a signed copy from NRRA for a one-year agreement beginning 8/6/16, with updated current costs for recycling. There was discussion about future options for recycling.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept and sign the new yearly contract with NRRA for recycling.
Seconded James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Copies of the agreement will be made for the Town Treasurer, the Recycling Center Coordinator and the Selectboard files.

Minutes and Warrants 8:03 p.m.

#35.3 \$3,697.00

CT-8 G/L #100-1351-00.00 \$24.50 Payment of weekly fees for F & W licenses sold.

#46.1 \$3,893.51

Request from Board of Listers to adjust the 2016 Grand List; Kerstin Nichols SPAN #10934, Parce ID #0V113B.35 Total Housesite value is now \$123,069.

#24.4 \$17,731.90

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the warrants as presented. Seconded by John Bacon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the memorandum from the Board of Listers, to adjust the 2016 Grand List. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by James Dixon to accept the regular Selectboard meeting minutes from November 14th, 2016, as edited. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Lake Fairlee Dam Project Update 7:27 p.m.

James Dixon reported a visit to the Lake Fairlee Dam and said the dam looks great and it is a project the town can be proud of. There has been final approval from Steve Bushman, the State dam safety engineer. James Dixon said the Tri-Towns should purchase a lock for the sluice gate. James Dixon said he is also checking into the seeping that is occurring. Electrical work has not been done. There was discussion about the difference in the RFP's for the electric work.

Rt. 113 Project & Library Road Questions 7:41 p.m.

The Selectboard noted that a motion was made by a previous Selectboard to make Library Road a one-way road as they looked towards the pedestrian project. There have been some complaints about the wait coming off Academy Road. Safety issues were discussed. There was no decision made, the item will be readdressed.

Budget Discussion (Selectboard) 8:43 p.m.

The Selectboard began discussion the budget for 2017. The following items were discussed:

Selectboard Assistant weekly hours and responsibilities

Planning and Consulting

Town Land Maintenance fund

Youth sports equipment

Treasure Island staff, and property tax

DPW Capital Equipment schedule

The question of sending out the Town Report vs. a less expensive option. A hard copy of the Town Report would have to be created and copies made.

Discussion about location of town meeting in 2017

Plan of Tuesday Special Meeting - Treasure Island Discussion 8:24 p.m.

There was discussion about focusing the discussion on moving forward. The Selectboard has not had a chance to review the 2016 season. Stuart Rogers will have a spreadsheet of expenses and revenue from the past 44 years. The Selectboard agreed that the focus should be on a short-term and long term plan.

Other Business

- Update of Sanborn Road Meeting

The Selectboard is waiting for the report from the Agency of Natural Resources. Once the report is in from the Town Tree Warden, letters will be sent to abutters.

- Planning Commission Vacancy Notice ?

There is a vacancy on the planning commission.

- Conservation Commission Appointment

The Selectboard received a letter of interest for the open position on the Conservation Commission.

Motion by John Bacon to appoint Sue Tallman to the Conservation Committee. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE (4-0-1)** Bill Huff abstained.

Motion by Stuart Rogers at 10:01 p.m. to discuss union negotiations and legal matters in an Executive Session per *Discussion of Matters as per 1 V.S.A., subsection 313, paragraphs A 1 & 3*. Seconded by John Bacon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by John Bacon to exit Executive Session at 11:22 p.m. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

No action taken at this time.

Motion by John Bacon to adjourn the regular Selectboard meeting at 11:23 p.m. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

The regular Selectboard meeting adjourned at 11:23 p.m.