



Town of Thetford

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**Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes
Thetford Town Offices
Monday, November 7, 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, Bill Huff, Stuart Rogers

Others present; Jill Graff (Town Treasurer), Marty Moses (Selectboard Assistant)

Community Members present; Paul Gross, Margaret Sadler, Liora Alschuler, Barbara DeFelice, Catharine Newbury, David Newbury, Lisa Cudhea, Suzanne Trumbore Leitschuh, Alexis Jetter

Public Comment 7:03

Barbara DeFelice presented a letter to the Selectboard from community members concerned about work done, and changes made to Sanborn Road. The letter listed specific concerns, a link to the Town tree policy, and a request to be included in discussions about planned, future work. Stuart Rogers gave a brief explanation about Act 64 and new state requirements. Stuart Rogers also said once trees were marked, they were reviewed by the Town Tree Warden, and a report would be made to the Selectboard. The Selectboard then contacts the affected land owners. Several community members in attendance also spoke about changes in the road, and safety concerns if road conditions allow for higher speeds. It was noted that many people use the road recreationally.

Correspondence 7:30 p.m.

The Selectboard received an email from Dale Gephart, reporting that the DPW cleaned up trees that removed by the power company at Camp Norway.

Jill Graff noted that in the past the road foreman had posted weekly the road crew plans.

The Selectboard had received questions from the Conservation Commission about the Town Land Management fund. The Selectboard reviewed and answered the questions. The will be returned to the Conservation Commission.

Motion by Bill Huff to allow the Conservation Committee to spend \$177 of budgeted funds to the Rozalia Project, provided the accounting paperwork is in order. Seconded by John Bacon.

VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)

Jessica Eaton received a call from VT State police that the railroad crossing sign on Bridge Street had been hit.

Minutes and Warrants 8:05 p.m.

cc-2016-10 General Ledger Expenditure Transactions: Period 10 Current year 10/31/16
\$1866.46

#43.2 \$464.31

#43.1 \$33,637.47

Review of payroll for approval

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

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the regular Selectboard meeting minutes of October 31st, 2016, as edited. Seconded by John Bacon. **VOTE (3-0-2)** Bill Huff and James Dixon abstained; absent from 10/31 meeting.

Update of Selectboard Liaisons List 8:35 p.m.

The Selectboard reviewed the liaisons list, and Bill Huff was assigned to open positions.

Update & Timing of Town Health Insurance Benefits 8:39 p.m.

The Selectboard discussed dates for meeting with the employees, and dates for having Sperry Wilson return to complete the process. The Selectboard agreed to have an information meeting on Tuesday, November 15th, time to be determined. The Selectboard will ask Sperry Wilson to return on November 29th.

Lake Fairlee Dam Update – Costs 8:51 p.m.

The Selectboard reviewed the financial summary for the Lake Fairlee Dam project. There was discussion about options for acquiring additional funds. The Selectboard agreed to use funds available to pay Larry Hebert, of Hebert Evacuation.

Bond Warrant Check #111.1 \$5079.47

#44.1 \$12,304.38

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

Budget Discussion & Update - Capital Equip. Funds 9:28 p.m.

The Selectboard discussed equipment that should be put on a replacement schedule. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns suggests equipment that costs over \$10,000 be put into a schedule and plan made accordingly

Old Business 10:00 p.m.

- **2016 Working List**
- **Upcoming Agendas (Scheduling)**

Some items for upcoming agendas: options for capital equipment, vacation pay – clarification or addendum to the personnel policy, and any updates on Act 148.

The agenda will be cleared for budget discussions only on November 21st.

Other Business 9:40 p.m.

- **Timing of Treasure Island Discussion**

The Selectboard tentatively scheduled the 22nd or 29th of November to have a discussion about Treasure Island at the Thetford Center Community Building at 7:00; pending availability of the Community Building.

- **Update of Town Hall Septic**

The septic system has been pumped.

- **Discussion & Update of Offered Lands**

The Selectboard agreed to have Stuart Rogers contact the landowner and express an interest in the lands being offered to the Town.

- **Union Negotiation Update (Executive Session)**
- **Personnel Discussion (Executive Session)**

Motion by John Bacon at 10:20 p.m. to discuss union negotiation updates and 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 (5-0-0)**

Motion by John Bacon to exit Executive Session at 11:23 p.m. Seconded by James Dixon.
VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)

No action taken at this time.

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

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