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**Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes
Thetford Town Offices
Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm.
(Times listed below are approximate)**

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

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

Others Present: Jill Graff (Town Treasurer)

Community Members present: Laurie Ingalls, Ehrhard Frost, Lisa Cudhea, Bob Walker, Tara Pacht, Suzanne Leitschuh, David Roth, Susan Farrell, Jennifer Boeri-Boyce, Pamela Voekel, Annelise Orleck, Mike Brown, Melissa and Chris Madden, Wayne Pares, Bob Wells, Barbara Deflice, Stacey Glazer, Jane Chambers, Nancy Lindahl, Jim Mashland

Public Comment 6:09 p.m.

The Selectboard agreed to Bob Walkers request for support for TRORC working with the Energy Committee to update our town energy plan according with provisions in Act 174 which was adopted last year.

Jennifer Boeri-Boyce asked if there had been any traffic control in Post Mills, as she hasn't seen any police there. She also said she would hope that Jessica Eaton is a part of the Treasure Island employee interviews.

There was discussion about the Thetford Elder Network also considering the possibility of becoming a 501(c)(3). Jill Graff talked about a payroll audit at the end of the year, and the paperwork that needs to be completed when someone needs a 1099, and Workman's Comp.

Correspondence 6:29 p.m.

The Selectboard received an email from a resident in support of the Town working with a nonprofit for Treasure Island, and requested to sit in with DPW capital expenditure discussion.

Jill Graff reminded the Selectboard to look at the Town Policy and omit the domestic partner reference from that document, should it no longer be offered.

The Selectboard received a request for an appropriation from VT association.

The Selectboard received an email from the Zoning Commissioner about a driveway permit.

Minutes and Warrants 9:54 p.m.

#37.3 \$480.00

#47.2 \$1129.43

#48.1 \$20,893.28

Motion by John Bacon to have Stuart Rogers sign the Better Roads Grant Program Invoicing Spreadsheet; BR0184 \$2320.00. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept driveway permit #350 for parcel 0To11A.01. Seconded by Bill Huff. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

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

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Special Selectboard meeting minutes of November 22, 2016, as edited. Seconded by Jessica Eaton. **VOTE (3 - 0- 2)** John Bacon and James Dixon abstain; not present at November 22nd meeting.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Selectboard meeting minutes of November 28, 2016, as edited. Seconded by John Bacon. **VOTE (4-0-1)** James Dixon abstain; not present at November 28th meeting.

Friends of Treasure Island Proposal 6:30 p.m.

The Friends of Treasure Island reviewed the business plan that had been sent to the Selectboard previously. Copies were available for people attending the Selectboard meeting.

Stuart Rogers explained that because of the Open Meeting Law, the Selectboard must warn the discussion before any action can be taken.

There was discussion about laws that would impact plans for Treasure Island.

There was discussion about selling passes online at the recreation webpage.

There was discussion about keeping town funds and a non-profit funds separated.

There was discussion about municipal funding and price increases.

The Selectboard will put the discussion on the agenda for December 12, 2016.

Budget Discussions – DPW 7:16 p.m.

Chad Martin, the DPW Foreman was at the Selectboard meeting to discuss the DPW budget for 2017

The hours for the Project Manager will remain at 8 hours a week.

There was discussion about overtime and Union contracts. The job description notes that the hours are changeable. The Selectboard agreed that the crew should not be working longer hours once all daily projects are done. The Selectboard will clarify with the crew.

There was discussion about paving and bridge work.

There was discussion about fire alarms on covered bridges being turned off.

Garage utilities are down from \$6500 to \$5000.

Diesel Exhaust Fluid is a new line item.

There was discussion on expenses for truck repairs and anticipated tire replacement.

DPW Capital Equipment Schedule – Not discussed

Town Health Insurance Benefit Discussion 8:44 p.m.

Michael Evans had prepared a handout that reflected a 17% impact on a family plan.

Michael Evans said the cost of his family plan will go up 91%, versus the 3% increase that had been discussed. Michael Evans said he wanted to point that out, and to ask the Selectboard to reconsider their formula strategy.

There was discussion about how costs will be managed in the future.

Stuart Rogers said the Town could no longer fund 100% of employee health costs.

There was discussion about options for change as the budget has not been set.

There was discussion about limiting annual increase to 3.5% or less.

The Selectboard will do some research and get back to employees.

Old Business

- **2016 Working List**

- **Upcoming Agendas**

The Selectboard will not be meeting on the 26th but will meet on the 2nd.

- **Library Road Update**

Everybody likes the one way, the whole way. From 113 to Academy road.

Other Business

- **Driveway Permit**

Driveway for the Wren's, access for logging.

- **Grant Paperwork**

- **Town Organizations & Open Meeting Law Discussion**

The Selectboard discussed various organizations and committees under the umbrella of the Town. All committees and organizations sponsored by the Town need to follow Open

Meeting Laws. All money raised or donated to an organization or committee need to go into the Town General Fund.

Stuart Rogers will contact the Vermont League of Cities and Towns for more information on individuals who raise money for projects connected with committees and organizations.

Motion by John Bacon to discuss legal updates, union matters 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 at 12:10 a.m., December 6th, to exit Executive Session. Second by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Action taken; approval of redacted legal billing due to confidential information and adjustment of benefit issue.

Motion by John Bacon to adjourn the regular Selectboard meeting at 12:13 a.m., December 6th. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **Vote unanimous (5-0-0)**

The regular Selectboard meeting ended at 12:13 a.m., December 6th, 2016.