



Town of Thetford

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Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes Thetford Town Offices

Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

(Times listed below are approximate)

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

Selectboard Members present: Richard Krzal, Stuart Rogers, Li Shen, Doug Stone

Selectboard Members not present: Cathee Clement

Others present: Tracy Borst (Town Clerk/Town Treasurer), Martie Betts (Selectboard Assistant), Police Chief Michael Evans

Community Members present: John Bacon

Public Comment 7:08 PM

No public comment.

Minutes & Warrants w/Correspondence

#58.1 \$2,000,000.00

#42.2 \$10,195.88

#40.3 \$1454.46

#57.1 \$2417.94

#56.1 \$577.00

The Selectboard received an email from James Surwilo about the UVRL Water Quality Results from the sampling at the Upper Valley Landfill.

The Selectboard received a letter from a community member interested in an open position on the Conservation Commission.

The Selectboard Assistant will review the audio of the Regular Selectboard Meeting of December 3rd.

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

The Selectboard members signed the Statement of Finance Charges – NHRSA 399-B, Loan #63037712 for the new DPW truck, per the motion that passed on December 3rd, 2018.

Comments of the Chair 7:38 PM

Stuart Rogers made public comments concerning recent behavior of Selectboard member Richard Krzal. Stuart Rogers had been advised by the Town's legal counsel to have this discussion in an open meeting to be on the record. The behaviors concerned comments made by Mr. Krzal to Town Employees, accusations made by Mr. Krzal about Town Employees, and communications to State and Federal agencies without seeking Selectboard approval. Stuart Rogers asked Richard Krzal for his resignation from the Selectboard.

Richard Krzal stated that he did not act out of character or demand anything from anyone. Mr. Krzal said he did not agree with comments made by Town and State employees.

The Selectboard discussed the confusion Mr. Krzal had about whether money had been received by the Town from FEMA and Federal Highway funds. Mr. Krzal contacted those agencies directly to get clarity on what has been distributed to the Town.

Mr. Krzal said he wanted to publically apologize to anyone he may have offended by any of his actions. Stuart Rogers said if Richard Krzal did not want to resign, the Town Council recommended a standing resolution that states Selectboard Members must be authorized by a majority vote of the Selectboard to contact State and Federal agencies.

Motion by Stuart Rogers for a standing resolution that no Selectboard member be allowed access to, or action with Vermont DOT, VTRANS, Dept. of Safety, FEMA, as well as EPA funds without approval of a majority vote of the Selectboard. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

A copy of this standing resolution will be sent electronically and in hard copy to departments and personnel.

Letters of Interest - Town Manager Search Committee 8:25 PM

The Selectboard reviewed letters from 12 people interested in being on the Town Manager Search Committee. The committee will have 7 community members plus 2 Selectboard members.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to contact the following to confirm their interest in being on the Town Manager Search Committee; Mark McMahon, Michael Kiess, Chip Odell, David Goudy, Michael Evans, Sean Mullen, Marla Ianello, with David Forbes as an alternate. Li Shen and Cathee Clement will represent the Selectboard on the committee. All who applied will also be contacted. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Town Manager Draft Job Description 9:28 PM

The Selectboard reviewed the Town Manager Draft Job Description which is also being reviewed for VLCT.

2019 Budget Discussions - Format? 9:31 PM

The Selectboard discussed and agreed to use the Nimrick software for efficiency during the budget review, noting that this format will look different in the town report.

Old Business

- Upcoming Agendas - Meeting Schedule?

The Selectboard will meet on December 17th for a regular meeting and December 19th for a special budget discussion meeting. The Selectboard will have a special Selectboard meeting on Thursday January 3rd, 2019.

- 2019 Budget Discussions - Wed., Dec. 12th?

The Selectboard will meet on December 12th for a special budget discussion meeting.

Other Business 9:40 PM

- Annual Appropriations Questions

The Selectboard discussed Green Up, Thetford Community Nurse and GMEDC.

- Thetford Energy Committee Request

Motion by Li Shen that the Selectboard approve signing the Customer Release and Consent Form for Efficiency VT. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Douglas Stone that the Selectboard Chair sign the Customer Release and Consent Form for Efficiency VT. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

- Update of Godfrey Road Solar Request

The Selectboard discussed information about the Godfrey Road Solar Request.

- Update of Recycling Book Shed Request

The Selectboard discussed an email from Jean Gerber regarding the installation of a book shed at the Recycling Center. Stuart Rogers will respond.

- Personnel Policy Update?

The final Personnel Policy update should be ready by January.

Adjourn

Motion by Douglas Stone at 10:30 PM to adjourn the regular Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**