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Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

Thetford Town Offices

Monday May 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

(Times listed below are approximate)

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Selectboard Members present: James Dixon, Jessica Dixon, Stuart Rogers, Douglas Stone

Selectboard Members absent: Li Shen

Others present: Jill Graff (Town Treasurer), Martie Moses (Selectboard Assistant)

Community Members present: Ehrhard Frost, Donald Graber, Moses Delphia, Bill Huff

Public Comment 7:06 p.m.

Ehrhard Frost and Donald Graber were at the Selectboard meeting to discuss tree removal at the Post Mills Natural Area in Post Mills. Donald Graber was acting as intermediary for the Soaring Club. The work will be done by Nate Taylor. The Selectboard had approved the plan at a previous meeting, and there is no need for a contract, as the Town will not be funding the work.

Moses Delphia asked the Selectboard when the road postings would be coming down, as he needs to move equipment by June 1st. Moses Delphia expressed concerns about the condition of the blacktop roads around town. Moses Delphia also brought in road signs that he found under the bridge on Middlebrook Road.

Correspondence 7:30 p.m.

The Selectboard had an approved request for a catered event for Sugarsnap LLC.

The Selectboard had an email from Libby Chapin and the Conservation Committee with concerns about Garlic Mustard. The goal of the Conservation Committee is to get as much Garlic Mustard as they can into the dumpster on Green Up Day. It was noted that last year they pulled 2400 pounds.

The Selectboard received a public hearing notice from TRORC for the next level of their Regional Draft Plan on May 31st at 6:30 p.m., at the Thompson Senior Center in Woodstock.

Motion by James Dixon to accept Andy McGovern as a member of the Recreation Advisory Council. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Stuart Rogers received an email from a potential business, which was forwarded on to the Zoning Administrator.

Stuart Rogers reported several comments about the condition of Route 132. Stuart Rogers said there is a tentative meeting for Route 132 on May 9th at 9:30 a.m., with people from the EPA, the State Representatives, Engineers, and the Zoning Administrator. The meeting will be at Town Hall.

Stuart Rogers received a letter from the Community Nurse about appropriations under State Statutes. Stuart Rogers did get a reply back from VLCT, and the statute does not specifically state that appropriations cannot be of similar or like services.

Minutes and Warrants 7:38 p.m.

#9.4 \$15, 908.42

#17.2 \$12, 612.60

#13.3 \$3, 536.25

#15.1 \$11, 997.93

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

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the minutes of the April 24th, 2017 regular Selectboard meeting, as edited. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE (3 – 0 – 1)** James Dixon abstained.

DPW Seasonal Update w/Chad Martin 7:52 p.m.

Chad Martin said the official date to remove the road postings was May 15th, but he has held back because a few roads still have soft spots in them. Chad Martin reported on road grading and repair work to pot holes all over town. Chad Martin said they have been grading, and Alla Rowell has helping.

Chad Martin said there was some warranty work done on Truck #3.

Chad Martin reported on the Grader School.

Chad Martin said he has a growing list for the summer, as something on just about all of the roads need to checked, or need to be fixed.

Chad Martin said the bridges need to be swept and washed. Douglas Stone commented that the clean-up of the bridges should be done before July 4th.

Chad Martin did not have an update on when the mower would be delivered.

Chad Martin has taken pictures of Truck #4, and will be putting it on Craig's List. Douglas Stone said Vershire did this and was able to get more money for it, as well as getting a better deal on a new truck because they could pay cash.

Chad Martin had an employment application for the Selectboard to review.

Chad Martin asked about tasks at Treasure Island that the DPW needed to do.

Rec. Dept. Update w/Nathan Maxwell 8:30 p.m.

Nathan Maxwell said he is working on having an AED everywhere. He brought some coaches together with members of Fast Squad, and they went over basic CPR, and how to hook up and administer the AED. Nathan Maxwell would like to do the same thing with the Baseball Coaches, but there is no AED at the field. Nathan Maxwell is working with Mariah Whitcomb to have one placed outside of the fire house. A weather proof box would have to be purchased.

There was discussion about bleachers and parking at the Post Mills Ball Field. Jessica Eaton said people could park along the edge of the Memorial Park.

Nathan Maxwell said the Recreation Advisory Committee will be working on ways to incorporate more adult activities.

Nathan Maxwell said that Chris Cook helped create a standard uniform that can be utilized for all teams. This saved a lot of money.

There was discussion about setting up the ability for people to use credit or debit cards on the Rec Website.

Treasure Island Update 9:12 p.m.

Nathan Maxwell said he would be able to help with Treasure Island. Nathan Maxwell said Treasure Island passes, and swim lesson sign-ups were done on the Recreation webpage last year.

There was discussion about making sure people who will be doing work at Treasure Island have keys.

There was discussion about the plumbing.

There was discussion about what kind of gate should be installed.

Other Business

- Green Up Day

There was discussion about who could be at the Town Garage for Green Up Day. Jessica Eaton will bring down the paddle boats from Treasure Island. Stuart Rogers said he will salvage what he can and the rest can be put in the dumpster.

- Update of Town Hall Work

Tracy Borst reported that Brown's Hardwood will refinish the floors for the price that was quoted last year, and Lucky's had storage units they would deliver and pick up.

There was discussion about recommendations on how to pack up. The work will be done between August 4th and 14th.

There was discussion about when staff would be able to pack everything up.

There was discussion about cleaning the rugs.

Tracy Borst will notify the departments with the details.

- Review of Employment Applications

Motion by Stuart Rogers at 10:36 p.m., 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 James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to exit Executive Session at 10:53 p.m. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **Vote unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept recommendations from department heads to offer conditional employment of positions available. Seconded by James Dixon. **Vote unanimous (4-0-0)**

Selectboard paperwork will follow.

Motion by James Dixon at 11:00 p.m. to adjourn the regular Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **Vote unanimous (4-0-0)**

The regular Selectboard meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.