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Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

Thetford Town Offices

Monday May 22, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Others Present: Jill Graff (Town Treasurer), Tracy Borst (Town Clerk), Chief Michael Evans, Martie Moses (Selectboard Assistant)

Community Members present: Mike Kiess, Phoebe McCosker, Bob Walker, Manny Grewal, Ellen Blumberg, Marty Blumberg

Public Comment 7:04 p.m.

James Dixon would like to extend appreciation to the Selectboard for their patience during his convalescence.

Correspondence 7:04 p.m.

Jessica Eaton reported a Hot Air Balloon landed in the Post Mills Natural Area.

Jessica Eaton had been asked when the work for the septic system would be put out to bid. Stuart Rogers said it would likely be in August.

Jessica Eaton said there will be a ceremony at Memorial Park on August 30th at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes and Warrants 7:10 p.m.

#15.3 \$3,360.91

#20.2 \$5412.40

#18.1 \$3,423.41

Review of Payroll PR#11 PPE 5/20/17

Motion by James Dixon to approve the request from Stantec for \$5600 for additional services.

Seconded by Douglas Stone. **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 minutes of the May 15th, 2017 regular Selectboard meeting, as edited. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE (3-0-2)** Li Shen and James Dixon abstained.

Thetford Energy Committee Update 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to appoint Mary Bryant to the Energy Committee, per the Committee recommendation and Mary Bryant's interest. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Bob Walker updated the Selectboard on several projects; Weatherize Vermont and the Solar Project in Post Mills.

Treasure Island Update 8:18

The Selectboard and Treasure Island Manager discussed work that had been done, and still needs to be done at Treasure Island.

Treasure Island will be open on Memorial Day weekend.

Discussion of Unlicensed Dogs & Dog Census 8:44 p.m.

Tracy Borst (Town Clerk), gave the Selectboard information on what fees are charged for dog licensing, and what the process is when someone doesn't license their dog.

The Selectboard discussed the Town Ordinance, fees that are charged, and what the state requires.

The Selectboard Assistant will do research on municipal fines.

Old Business

- Upcoming Agendas

Jill Graff (Town Treasurer) reminded the Selectboard that the pay rate is due in July, and her office will need it by mid-June.

Jill Graff also reminded the Selectboard that the tax rate is due in August.

Revenue and budget will be reviewed soon, as every department has been asked to look at their budget for potential cuts.

Other Business

- Interest in Committee Appointments

Motion by James Dixon to accept the offer from Stuart Rogers and appoint Stuart Rogers as the Town Representative for TRORC. Seconded by Jessica Eaton. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

- Site Visits of Town Road Concerns ?

Chief Evans has been for a site visit at the intersection of Clay Road and Schoolhouse Road. The Selectboard will schedule a site visit.

- Legal Update (Executive Session)

- Personnel Discussion (Executive Session)

Motion by Stuart Rogers at 9:43 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal updates in an Executive Session, with the Treasure Island Manager invited for the first part, per *Discussion of Matters as per 1 V.S.A., subsection 313, paragraphs A 1&3*. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers at 10:55 p.m., to exit Executive Session. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by James Dixon to set the 2017 Detail Rate per the Police Union contract (NEPBA) at \$51.18 hourly regular, and \$76.77 hourly holiday. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE (4-0-1)** Stuart Rogers abstained.

Motion by James Dixon to approve a conditional offer of employment for a Police Officer, as recommended by Chief Evans. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE (4-1-0)** Jessica Eaton opposed.

Motion by James Dixon to adjourn the regular Selectboard meeting at 11:00 p.m. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

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