



Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

Thetford Town Offices

Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

Others present: Jill Graff (Town Treasurer), Chad Martin (Road Foreman), Martie Moses (Selectboard Assistant)

Community Members present: Bill Huff, Todd Protzman, Logan Protzman, Ellis Paige, Chad Whitcomb, Mariah Whitcomb

Public Comment 7:10 p.m.

Ellis Paige told the Selectboard he needed authorization to brush hog the former landfill area in Post Mills. Ellis Paige also asked when road repairs would be done.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to authorize Ellis Paige to brush hog the former landfill area in Post Mills. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Correspondence & Liaison Updates 7:09 p.m.

The Selectboard received an email from a resident concerned about the water quality in Lake Fairlee. James Dixon said the Tri-Town Commission does not have any authority over the Lake, just the Dam.

Jessica Eaton received an email about mowing at Camp Norway.

Jessica Eaton received a phone call from a resident about 5 Corners Road.

Stuart Rogers read a press release stating that Mariah Whitcomb was awarded Emergency Services Director of the Year from Vermont Emergency Management and the Vermont Homeland Security Unit.

Minutes and Warrants 7:09 p.m.

Cash Transfer Warrant CT-2 G/L #100-1351-00.00 \$275,977.67 Tax Anticipation Note Payment

#28.3F \$846.86

#38.2 \$910.81

#28.3 \$13,526.14

#34.1 \$6,646.77

#20.4 \$23,379.58

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the warrants as presented, with correction to one warrant.

Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Regular Selectboard Meeting minutes of September 18th, 2017, as edited. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Special Selectboard Meeting minutes of September 20th, 2017, as presented. Seconded by Jessica Eaton. **VOTE (4-0-1)** Li Shen abstained.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Regular Selectboard Meeting minutes of September 25th, 2017, as edited. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Storm & Roads Update w/Chad Martin 7:40 p.m.

Chad Martin said he needs approval for the VTrans Grant amendment for Latham Road.

Chad Martin said Pike Industries will start paving during the 2nd or 3rd week in October, pending approval from VTrans.

Chad Martin has received bids from 2 paving contractors for the 10 roads that were affected during the July 1st storm. Chad Martin suggested splitting the work into 2 projects of 5 roads each, due to the time required. Chad Martin will discuss with the contractors.

Chad Martin updated the Selectboard on the status of road work.

There was discussion about Route 132.

There was discussion about Robinson Hill Road.

Motion by James Dixon for the Selectboard Chair to sign the Northwoods bid for work on Robinson Hill Road, contingent on completion of storm damage repairs. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by James Dixon for the Selectboard Chair to sign the amended scope for the Paving Grant with VTrans for Latham Road. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

FEMA Update - Costs & Budget Effects 8:15 p.m.

Stuart Rogers reported on the FEMA scoping meeting. Stuart Rogers said there will be site visits on October 17th, 18th, and 19th. Stuart Rogers said FEMA money might be available by January or February.

There was a discussion about the Emergency Operations Center that was open for 7 days, during and after the July 1st storm. In order to receive FEMA reimbursement, the Town needed to have an agreement prior to the storm. There was no agreement prior. The cost of administration work prior to the scoping meeting will not be covered by FEMA.

There was discussion about how to move forward and plan for situations in the future.

Motion by Jessica Eaton to take \$6100 out of the Emergency Services line item to reimburse for hours worked during the July 1st storm. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

There was discussion about the Town Departments purchasing policy.

There was discussion about radios for the Department of Public works with the Fire Department.

ANR Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) Public Comments 8:52 p.m.

Stuart Rogers said that Towns are being asked to submit comments on the Draft ANR Municipal Roads General Permit by October 27th. Individuals can go to the public hearings.

TRORC Update - FY 2019 Fees & Projects Amendment (Signatures) 9:13 p.m.

Motion by James Dixon for the Selectboard Chair to sign the TRORC Amendment #5 Project Management Services related to the Thetford Hill Village Pedestrian Improvements (Thetford STP EH09(10) extension of time from December 2016 to June 2019. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Old Business

~~- Discussion of Town Governance & Act 27 (cont'd) ???~~

- Upcoming Agendas w/2017 Working List

October 11th for Special Selectboard meeting for discussion of DRAFT Town Plan.

Other Business 9:17 p.m.

- ICS 402 Training Dates ?

Stuart Rogers said the ICS 402 Training is three hours long, and all Department Heads should take it. Once the training dates are set up, anyone else in town can attend.

Stuart Rogers reported on the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Elizabeth Mine Solar Project. Stuart Rogers said there will be a meeting with both Strafford and Thetford Fire Departments for instruction on how to handle fires at a solar installation. Stuart Rogers discussed the possibility of a joint meeting with the Strafford Selectboard to discuss taxes on the solar array.

- Timing of Add'l Committee Discussions ?

Li Shen reported on attending the TEN meeting. Li Shen said they need to be put on a Selectboard meeting agenda.

- Personnel Discussion (Executive Session)

Motion by Stuart Rogers at 9:37 p.m. to discuss personnel in an Executive Session per *Discussion of Matters as per 1V.S.A, subsection 313, paragraphs A 1&3*. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by James Dixon at 10:10 p.m. to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

No action taken at this time.

Motion by Stuart Rogers at 10:12 p.m. to adjourn the regular Selectboard meeting. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**