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## **Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **Thetford Town Offices**

Monday, October 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Selectboard members present: Jessica Eaton, Stuart Rogers, Li Shen, Douglas Stone

Others present: Martie Betts (Selectboard Assistant)

Community members present: Dale Gephardt, Connie Gephardt

#### **Public Comment 7:08 p.m.**

No public comment

#### **Correspondence 7:13 p.m.**

The Selectboard received an email from Mariah Whitcomb, the Emergency Management Director, about the CHaD bike race in Thetford on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

The Selectboard received an email of thanks for the work done on Tefft Road.

The Selectboard received an email from a resident concerned about culverts on Tucker Hill Road.

Stuart Rogers noted a comment on the Thetford Listserve and issued a reminder that questions for the Selectboard should be brought before the Selectboard during public comment at the meetings.

**Minutes and Warrants 7:15 p.m.**

Review of payroll ending 10/21/2017

#31.3F \$7884.14

#41.2 \$888.47

#33.1 \$1,765,378.91

**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 Regular Selectboard Meeting Minutes of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as edited. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

**Late Homestead Filing Question & Request 7:35 p.m.**

Dale Gephardt told the Selectboard he had received a bill for filing a late Homestead Declaration.

Dale Gephardt explained how his accountant files their annual taxes.

Dale Gephardt asked the Selectboard to forgive the fee.

There was discussion about how the Homestead Tax is warned and approved at Town Meeting.

There was discussion about the penalty process and the role of the State.

The Selectboard will discuss the process with the Town Treasurer and will contact Dale Gephardt.

Tracy Borst thanked the Selectboard and the Town Representatives for the hard work they do.

**Roads Update w/Chad Martin, Road Commissioner 8:11 p.m.**

Chad Martin reported on a call with Cargill about the contract for road salt.

Chad Martin said he is about to get sand from Bogie Farms at \$6 a ton, which is the pre-buy price.

Chad Martin updated the Selectboard on the road repairs. Green Mountain Paving will begin work on Wednesday or Thursday.

Chad Martin said the tentative plan for next couple of days because of bad weather is to truck in sand.

Chad Martin told the Selectboard about contaminated fuel in the Doosan Excavator, and problems with the alternator in the 550.

Chad Martin reported on meetings about Route 132.

Douglas Stone told Chad Martin the Recycling Center Coordinator would like to have some work done there before the ground freezes.

#### **Draft MRGP Comments 8:48 p.m.**

The Selectboard reviewed and discussed the DRAFT Municipal Roads General Permit. Stuart Rogers will send comments to the Zoning Administrator.

#### **Other Business**

**Motion** by Jessica Eaton to authorize Stuart Rogers to sign the contract with Cargill in order to lock in the price. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Stuart Rogers commented that the Open Meeting Law Workshop held on October 18<sup>th</sup> was excellent. There were 2 Norwich Town Employees in attendance.

#### **Annual Personnel Review Discussion (Anticipated Executive Session) 9:23 p.m.**

Li Shen **moved** to find that premature general public knowledge of this personnel review would clearly place the person involved at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Jessica Eaton. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

**Motion** by Stuart Rogers at 9:24 p.m. to discuss Annual Personnel Reviews and have General Discussion in an Executive Session per *Discussion of Matters as per 1VSA.subsection 313 paragraphs A1&3*. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

**Motion** by Stuart Rogers at 10:22 p.m. to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Douglas Stone.  
**VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

No action taken at this time.

**Motion** by Stuart Rogers to adjourn the Regular Selectboard Meeting at 10:23 p.m. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**