



Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes
Thetford Town Offices

Monday, October 30, 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: Chad Martin (Road Commissioner), Martie Betts (Selectboard Assistant)

Community Members present:

Public Comment 7:04 p.m.

No public comment.

Correspondence 7:05 p.m.

Stuart Rogers noted that the Emergency Operations Center opened on October 29th during the wind storm, because of the amount of trees and power lines down on local roads.

The Selectboard received the monthly newsletters from VLCT and the Bugbee Senior Center.

Stuart Rogers noted a change to the agenda concerning the request for signature for the annual MOU for NRRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) for Recycling.

Minutes and Warrants 7:09 p.m.

#42.2 \$3321.15

#22.4 \$18,602.95

#34.1 \$6,126.49

#32.3F \$335,115.78

#30.3 \$1132.50

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the warrants as presented. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

The Selectboard received a request to adjust the 2017 Grand list under Lister errors and omissions.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Lister's request to adjust the 2017 Grand List. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Regular Selectboard Meeting minutes of October 23rd, 2017, as edited. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE (4-0-1)** James Dixon abstained.

Roads Update w/ Chad Martin 7:32 p.m.

Chad Martin reported that all roads, except 3, have been cleaned up and opened after the wind storm of October 29th. Chad Martin noted that there was still a lot of debris that needed to be picked up. Chad Martin said a culvert on Cadwell Road had been damaged. .

Chad Martin reported on the work on Route 132. There was discussion about part of the road that collapsed and the speed of traffic through the construction zone of Route 132. There was discussion about the bid opening for Phase 3 on Route 132.

There was discussion about the timing of the temporary stop lights on Route 132.

Chad Martin reported problems with Truck #4.

Stuart Rogers expressed thanks to Chad Martin and the DPW crew for their work today.

Chad Martin expressed thanks for the help from the Emergency Operations Center.

Capital Equip. Schedule Discussion w/TVFD 7:51 p.m. w/Chad and Mariah Whitcomb

Motion by Douglas Stone to approve the Fire Department's request to order a new engine, which is on the Capital Equipment schedule. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Stuart Rogers thanked Chad Whitcomb for keeping track of the costs that help save the Town money.

Mariah Whitcomb gave an update on the power outages in Town.

Discussion w/Snowmobile Club 8:21 p.m.

Michael Mann was at the meeting to discuss a temporary route for the snowmobile trail, necessary because of damage to the current trail from the July 1st, 2017 storms.

Motion by James Dixon to allow the Justin Morrill Drift Skippers a one-year permit for access to the Tucker Hill Road covered bridge, provided there is adequate signage. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by Douglas Stone to allow the Justin Morrill Drift Skippers and the Upper Valley Snow Packers to work on the Class 4 part of Turnpike South Road, to install a culvert and bring the road up to standard for snowmobiles, in conjunction with ANR. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Discussion of Updated Town Health Insurance Options 8:36 p.m.

The Selectboard discussed offering employees of the Town insurance plans from both MVP and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

There was discussion about the rate increases.

Motion by James Dixon that the Selectboard offer all insurance plans from MVP and BCBS to the Town employees for open enrollment, starting November 1st and ending November 30th, 2017. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

9:30-9:40 Old Business

- 2017 Working List

- Upcoming Agendas

Other Business 8:02 p.m.

- MOU w/VTrans for Crosswalk Flashing Beacon

Motion by Douglas Stone to authorize the Selectboard Chair to sign the MOU with VTrans for maintenance for the Crosswalk Flashing Beacon on Thetford Hill. Seconded by Jessica Eaton.

VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)

- Loan Paperwork Signatures for New DPW Truck 8:02

Motion by Douglas Stone to sign financial paperwork to purchase DPW Truck #4 replacement, which is on the Capital Equipment schedule. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-**

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Motion by Jessica Eaton for the Selectboard Chair to sign the financial paperwork for the purchase. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

- Annual signature for MOU for NRRA Northeast Resource Recovery Association for Recycling.

The Selectboard will confirm hauling costs before signing the MOU.

- Discussion of adjusting Monday Meeting Time for Budgets?

Motion by Jessica Eaton to adjust the Regular Selectboard meeting start time to 6:00 p.m. from the first Monday in November through the 3rd Monday in December to consider the 2018 budget.

Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

- Annual Employee Evaluation Discussion (Anticipated Executive Session)

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

Motion by James Dixon at 9:18 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 Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to exit Executive Session at 10:16 p.m. Seconded by Li Shen.

VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)

No action taken at this time.

Motion by Stuart Rogers at 10:17 p.m. to adjourn the Regular Selectboard Meeting.

Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**