



Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

Thetford Town Offices

Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

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

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

Community Members Present: Bill Huff, Laurie Ingalls, Mike Avery, Rene LaBranch

Start of 2018 Budget Discussions 6:07 p.m.

There was discussion with Bill Huff about employee health insurance, and how to create a system that is transparent and repeatable.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to set the actual cost increases for a split contribution of 55% Town/45% Employee for Health Insurance. Seconded by James Dixon.

VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)

The Selectboard discussed costs associated with the July 1, 2017 storms, mowing, and the cost of maintenance for the Thetford Hill Pedestrian Project.

Public Comment 7:05 p.m.

No public comment.

Correspondence 7:06 p.m.

The Selectboard received notice of a workshop on Municipal Road Management for Decision Makers.

The Selectboard received an email concerning commercial equipment parked on a resident's property.

Minutes and Warrants 7:07 p.m.

#36.1 \$150,473.00

#43.2 \$8690.90

#31.3 \$5339.56

#35.1 \$3020.49

Review of Payroll Period 11 November

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

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Lister's request to adjust the 2017 Grand List under Lister errors and omissions. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the regular Selectboard Meeting minutes of October 30th, 2017, as edited. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Food Shelf Discussion w/Town Service Officer Laurie Ingalls 7:30 p.m.

Laurie Ingalls stated she was at the Selectboard meeting to ask the Selectboard to consider returning the Food Shelf under the umbrella of the Town instead of the Library, which is the current situation.

There was discussion about how the Food Shelf ended up under the Library, current processes, who would be impacted by the return to the Town, and what current procedures are.

The Selectboard members were in agreement that the Food Shelf should return to the Town, and requested paperwork before acting on the change.

8:00-8:30 Rt. 132 Update & Work Proposal and updated information from Chad Martin

Rene LaBranch from Stantec, and Mike Avery from Griffin and Griffin excavating were at the Selectboard Meeting to discuss Part C of the repair work on Route 132. Griffin and Griffin would like permission to work 7 days a week, 14 hours a day, in order to complete the work in early December.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to approve the option of contract work for repairs on sites 1-2-3 on Route 132 to work 7 days a week, at an average of 14 hours for completion. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

There was discussion about the condition of the road surface of Route 132.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to approve \$50,000 for shimming for Route 132 in order to improve the surface for safety and to help with winter maintenance. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Chad Martin gave an update on the paving on Latham Road and Route 132.

Chad Martin reported that the Stump Dump is full of debris from the windstorm.

Chad Martin updated the Selectboard on the new truck and service done on Trucks 2 and 5.

Stuart Rogers asked Chad Martin to schedule time to pull the floats at Treasure Island out of the water and to try and level and compact the surfaces at the recycling center.

Liaison Updates 9:35

Li Shen reported the Energy Committee is considering partnering with COVER in White River Junction. A partnership should help the Energy Committee provide insurance for their volunteers who do weatherization. Stuart Rogers will contact the Energy Committee Chair about funds still in OCT.

Li Shen said there was a similar situation with Thetford Elder Network and funds in OCT.

Li Shen said the Historic Preservation Committee does not currently have a quorum.

Jessica Eaton asked for an update on 5 Corners Road, and said she had heard from a resident about barking dogs.

Old Business

- **2017 Working List**
- **Upcoming Agendas (Completion of Any Items?)**

Other Business

- **Cont'd. Discussion of Property Tax Question?**

Motion by Stuart Rogers that the Selectboard maintain the approved 8% penalty for filing a late Homestead Declaration. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

- **Upcoming Joint Mtg. w/Strafford Selectboard about the taxation of the solar installation**

Stuart Rogers will contact the Strafford Selectboard and invite them to a Thetford Selectboard meeting.

- **Upcoming Mtg. w/Upper Valley Ambulance?**

Upper Valley Ambulance has requested some time on an upcoming Selectboard Agenda.

- **Review of Annual Evaluations (Anticipated Executive Session)**
- **Legal Update (Anticipated Executive Session)**

Stuart **moved** to find that premature, general public knowledge of legal personnel would clearly place the municipality involved to suffer at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers 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 (5-0-0)**

Motion by James Dixon at 10:15 p.m. to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

No action taken at this time.

Motion by James Dixon at 10:16 to adjourn the Regular Selectboard Meeting. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

10:16 Meeting adjourned