



Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

Thetford Town Offices

Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 Betts (Selectboard Assistant)

Community Members present: Bill Huff, Kevin Brooker, Mark MacDonald

2018 Budget Discussion (Clerk, Review of Last Week, TI Thoughts?) 6:20 p.m.

The Selectboard discussed the Town Clerk Budget with Tracy Borst, Town Clerk.

The Zoning Department needs to have back-up for paper files.

The Selectboard discussed options for Treasure Island.

Jill Graff (Town Treasurer) commented that there should be a review of all special funds, and the goals for those funds.

Public Comment 7:00 p.m.

Kevin Brooker expressed concerns about the traffic at the end of Academy Road and Route 113 between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. Kevin Brooker wondered if Library Road could be opened up to two-way traffic during this time, or if a Police Officer could help direct traffic during that time. The Selectboard will discuss with Chief Evans later in the meeting.

Correspondence 7:14 p.m.

Li Shen drafted a response to a resident concerned about the sanding of Town Roads for Selectboard review.



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Jessica Eaton forwarded a comment about Cadwell Road on the Thetford Listserve to Chad Martin (DPW Foreman).

Stuart Rogers reported on a conversation with the Site Engineer for Route 132. From December 11th to the 18th, location site #12 will be closed.

Minutes and Warrants 7:15 p.m.

#120 \$1260.00

#47.2 \$3157.93

#33.3F \$91,630.67

#33.3 \$6841.42

Payroll review pay period ending 12/2/17.

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

Motion by Jessica Eaton to accept the Regular Selectboard Meeting Minutes of November 27th, 2017, as edited. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE (3-0-2)** James Dixon and Stuart Rogers abstained.

e911 Road Hearing (Private Road Name Designation) 7:41 p.m.

Hearing will be held at later date as Zoning Administrator was unavailable.

Project Loans Paperwork Acceptance (Storm Damage Costs) 7:41 p.m.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to approve the Project Loans Current Expense Notes; #1711242559 in the amount of \$2,931,666.00 Federal Highway Fund and #1711242558 in the amount of \$1,562,052.00. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Police Capital Equip. Fund Discussion w/Chief Evans 7:59 p.m.

Chief Evans was at the Selectboard meeting to request the funds for a 3rd Police Car. Chief Evans proposed the purchase of a 4-door pickup truck for the 3rd vehicle, citing ground clearance and



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storage as the primary reasons. Chief Evans recommended a Ford F150 extended cab. Chief Evans said PACIF is still willing to replace some of the equipment that was lost with the fires in 2015. Chief Evans said the vehicle was an expected purchase for 2017.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to authorize the purchase of a Ford F150 for the Police Department's 3rd vehicle, in accordance with Police Departments 10-year Capital Fund Plan, while acquiring the best options for financing. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE (4-1-0)**

The Selectboard discussed the intersection of Academy Road and Route 113 with Chief Evans. Chief Evans said this was brought up several months ago, and at that time data was collected over the span of 9 days, from 7:45 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Chief Evans will send the data to the Selectboard.

There was discussion about Thetford cruisers seen outside of the Town. Chief Evans said full-time Police Officers have state-wide jurisdiction.

Chief Evans will send an arrest report to the Selectboard.

Discussion of Town Governance & Act 27 (update) 9:05 p.m.

This discussion postponed pending additional information.

Town Health Insurance w/Budget Update 9:06 p.m.

There was discussion about the date of the COLA moving from July 1 to January 1. The Selectboard will consider and make a decision before the beginning of the year.

Old Business 9:16 p.m.

- Upcoming Agendas

The DPW Foreman will discuss the budget, road repairs, and seasonal updates at the next meeting.

There will be a discussion about life insurance next week.

The Library budget will be discussed on December 18th.



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Douglas Stone mentioned that Farnsworth Road should be renamed, and suggested it take place at the upcoming road hearing.

- 2017 Working List (Completion of Items?)

Other Business

- Legal Update & Contractual Options (Anticipated Executive Session)**
- Annual Review Discussion (cont'd) (Anticipated Executive Session)**
- Personnel Discussion (Anticipated Executive Session)**

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

Motion made by Stuart Rogers to discuss legal updates and personnel in an Executive Session per *Discussion of Matters as per 1VSA subsection 313 paragraphs A1 & 3*. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by James Dixon at 10:52 p.m. to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

No action taken at this time.

Motion by Stuart Rogers at 10:54 p.m. to adjourn the Regular Selectboard Meeting. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**