



Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes
Thetford Town Offices

Monday, December 18, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Jessica Eaton called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Selectboard Members present; (6:00) Li Shen, Douglas Stone, (6:30) Jessica Eaton, (7:00) Stuart Rogers, (8:00) James Dixon

Others Present: Jill Graff (Town Treasurer), Chad Martin (DPW Foreman), Martie Betts (Selectboard Assistant)

Community Members Present: Bill Huff, Ehrhard Frost, Robin Pettingell, Mariah Whitcomb, Chad Whitcomb, Phebe McCosker

2018 Budget Discussion (DPW) 6:50 p.m.

The Selectboard reviewed the 2018 DPW proposed budget with DPW Foreman, Chad Whitcomb. There was discussion about paving for Route 132, new radios and sidewalk maintenance on Thetford Hill.

Chad Martin said the motor in the small truck went out. It will be taken to Gateway for diagnosis. Chad Martin said the heater box was not working in one truck, so the defrost was not working.

Public Comment 7:18 p.m.

Ehrhard Frost said he was concerned about the debris pile and asked about plans for its removal. Chad Martin said there had been a quote for removal, and suggested that some of the materials could be taken to the Recycling Center.

Ehrhard Frost said a culvert washed out on Potato Hill Road, and will bring a written description of repair work that can be done in order to bring trucks up for logging.



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Jessica Eaton stated that she will not be standing for re-election to the Selectboard. Stuart Rogers thanked Jessica Eaton for her service.

Correspondence 7:38 p.m.

Stuart Rogers had a draft reply to a resident across from the Park & Ride who complained about where Pike Industries parked their trucks.

Motion by Douglas Stone for the Selectboard Chair to sign the reply letter to the resident drafted by the Zoning Administrator. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Minutes and Warrants (later in the meeting 9:20 p.m.)

#42.1 \$3,865.91

#49.2 \$3,012.29

#35.3F \$700,841.30

Payroll review ending 12/16/17

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

Library Budget Presentation & Discussion with Peter Blodgett and Phebe McCosker 7:42

The Selectboard discussed the proposed 2018 Budget and Peter Blodgett said they were requesting a \$3000.00 increase. Peter Blodgett explained that the Library was in deficit spending and their current budget is not sustainable.

2018 Budget Discussion (TVFD & Fire Warden) 7:55 p.m.

The Selectboard discussed the proposed 2018 Emergency Management Budget and the proposed 2018 Fire Warden Budget with Mariah Whitcomb and Chad Whitcomb.



The Selectboard discussed the proposed 2018 Fire Department Budget with Mariah and Chad Whitcomb. Mariah Whitcomb explained the reasons for the requested 20.86% increase. Mariah Whitcomb said to date there have been 114 more emergency calls than in 2016. There was discussion about possible reasons. There was discussion about the differences between volunteer and Town Fire Departments.

2018 Budget Discussion (Police) 8:37 p.m.

Chief Evans informed the Selectboard that Hanover and Hartford helped with a worker medical emergency on Route 132 that past Thursday. Chief Evans regretted to say that the worker died later at DHMC. It was a tragedy that was hard on the crew, and the workers will hold a brief memorial service at noon on Tuesday.

Chief Evans reviewed the proposed 2018 Police Department Budget with the Selectboard.

2018 Budget Discussion (Capital Equip., Conservation ??) 9:15

There was discussion about the Capital Equipment fund for the DPW, and Fire Department.

9:30-9:40 Old Business

The Selectboard discussed the sidewalk section in front of the Thetford Hill Church.

- Upcoming Agendas - Next Mtg. 1/4/18 . . . No Mtg. Week of 12/25

~~**-2017 Working List ???**~~

9:40-10:00 Other Business

- Paperwork Signatures (Solar Project)

Motion by Jessica Eaton for the Selectboard to sign the Thetford/Strafford Community Solar Array Municipal Maintenance Impact Questionnaire. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**



- 2018 Town Meeting Update Info.

Town meeting will be on March 3rd, 2018 at Thetford Elementary School. The School Board will present first. The due date for petitions for articles is January 18th. Nominating petitions need to be in by January 29th.

The Pre-Town meeting will be on February 26th, 2018, and voting on March 6th, 2018.

- Winter Sidewalk Care (Rt. 113 sections & Academy Rd.)

James Dixon will draft a Memorandum of Understanding for between The Town and Thetford Academy, and will have the Town's Attorney review it.

- Legal Update (Anticipated Executive Session)

- Personnel Discussion (Anticipated Executive Session)

Stuart Rogers **moved** to find that premature, general public knowledge of legal updates 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 at 10:24 p.m. to discuss legal updates in an Executive Session per *Discussion of Matters as per 1VSA.subsection 313 paragraphs A1 & 3*. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by James Dixon at 10:57 p.m. to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by James Dixon to approve the letter of reply regarding the recent NEPBA grievance. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Motion by James Dixon at 11:00 p.m. to adjourn the Regular Selectboard Meeting. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**



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