



Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes
Thetford Town Offices

Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

Selectboard Members present: James Dixon, Jessica Eaton, Stuart Rogers, Douglas Stone

Selectboard Members absent: Li Shen

Others present: Jill Graff (Town Treasurer), Chad Martin (DPW Foreman)

Community Members present: Bill Huff

Minutes & Warrants 6:49 p.m.

#26.4 \$ 20,110.88
#35.3 \$ 1,032.54
#36.3 \$236,952.20
#36.3F \$ 28,240.92
#37F \$654,011.05
#38.3F \$ 18,087.81
#44.1 \$769,814.83
#45.1 \$ 1,221.94
#50.2 \$ 10,736.30
#51.2 \$ 5,053.10
#52.2 \$ 15,258.17
#01.04 \$ 22,502.71
#1.1 \$ 46,746.18

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept warrants as presented. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**



7:00-7:15 Public Comment

Bill Huff expressed concerns about the Energy Committee requesting a warned article at Town Meeting. Bill Huff said the petition didn't originate from the Energy Committee, but from an Environmental Activist Organization. Bill Huff said the Energy Committee should work on behalf of all residents of the town.

Bill Huff also expressed concerns about taking a bond to cover expenses from the July 1, 2017 storms. Bill Huff suggested taking the money from the DPW Contingency Fund to avoid paying interest on interest.

7:15-7:30 Correspondence

The Selectboard discussed an email concerning road conditions and school buses with DPW Foreman, Chad Martin. Chad Martin noted that normal practice during a snow storm is to not sand during the storm. The Selectboard will send a copy of the Winter Road Maintenance Policy to the school, and will email the information to the correspondent.

Chad Martin reported that Gateway found more damage to the 550, and the estimate for repairs is now \$7500.

The Selectboard received notice of a VLCT Workshop on February 4th, 2018.

The Selectboard received a letter, with map, about wellhead protection at Thetford Elementary School.

The Selectboard received the request from Ehrhard Frost to do work on a Class 4 Road, Potato Hill North, for Logging.

The Selectboard received a letter from the City of Lebanon DPW about the landfill. The letter should have gone to Greater Upper Valley Waste Management.

Douglas Stone said he received an email about snow being plowed onto personal property.



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7:30-8:00 2018 Budget (Conservation Commission)

The Selectboard reviewed and discussed the Conservation Commission Budget for 2018 with members of the Commission.

8:00-8:30 2018 Budget Discussion

The Selectboard did a review of the entire budget.

8:30-9:00 2018 Wage Scale – not discussed

9:00-9:30 Draft Town Plan Legal Update

There was discussion about the deadline for Selectboard approval of the Draft Town Plan. According to statute, the Selectboard had one year from the date of the final Planning Commission Hearing of the Draft Town Plan to approve or reject the plan. At this point the Selectboard can re-write the Town Plan or send it back to the Planning Commission and ask that they re-write it. Bill Huff expressed concerns about the language in the Draft Town Plan in light of the 2008 JAM Golf Course case in Burlington. Bill Huff said that because of that case, the Vermont Law School has written guidelines for language in a Town Plan. Bill Huff indicated several places in the Draft Town Plan that had language the Law School guidelines advised against using.

Stuart Rogers will get information about re-adopting the current Town Plan.

9:30-9:55 Other Business

- Request of Confirmation of Class 4 Road Use

Motion by Douglas Stone to grant permission to Ehrhard Frost to do work on Class 4 Road, Potato Hill North, for logging purposes. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

- DPW Union Contract Ratification???

The Town Attorney is currently reviewing the contract.



- Town Meeting & Reports Update?

James Dixon will draft the Selectboard Report.

- Rec. Dept. Scholarship Request (Anticipated Executive Session)

- Personnel Discussion (Anticipated Executive Session)

- Legal Update (Anticipated Executive Session)

Stuart Rogers **moved** to find that premature, general public knowledge of personnel and legal matters would clearly place the municipality involved to suffer a substantial disadvantage.

Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion made by Stuart Rogers to discuss personnel and legal updates in an Executive Session per *Discussion of Matters as per IV.S.A., subsection 313, paragraphs A1 & 3*. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to exit Executive Session at 10:13 p.m. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to approve the Recreation Scholarship, as recommended by the Recreation Director. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by James Dixon to adjourn the Regular Selectboard Meeting at 10:15 p.m. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**



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