



Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes
Thetford Town Offices

Monday, January 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Selectboard Members Present: James Dixon, Stuart Rogers, Douglas Stone

Selectboard Members Absent: Jessica Eaton, Li Shen

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

Community Members Present: Bill Huff, Phebe McCosker, Sarah Sully, Mike Kiess, Stuart
Blood

Public Comment 7:04 p.m.

Mike Kiess asked the Selectboard to appoint 2 candidates to the Thetford Energy Committee.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to appoint Pete Thoenen and Erica Ko to the Thetford Energy
Committee. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

Bill Huff questioned whether it was appropriate for the Selectboard to warn the Resolution
Regarding Climate and Energy at Town Meeting. Stuart Blood responded that the Selectboard
has the capability of warning the Resolution, and could not remember a time when a request was
refused by any Selectboard in the past. Bill Huff stated concerns about the document coming
from an outside agency, not the Energy Committee. Douglas Stone suggested ending the
discussion until a petition with 110 signatures was submitted to the Selectboard.

Correspondence 7:25 p.m.

No correspondence discussed.



Minutes and Warrants 7:25 p.m.

Review of Timesheets ending 1/13/18

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Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the warrants as presented. Seconded by Douglas Stone.

VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)

Stuart Rogers noted that the Standard Mileage Rates will increase to 54.5 cents per mile, up 1 cent from 2017.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2017, as edited. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2017, as edited. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2017, as edited. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to make an adjustment to the agenda and review DPW Capital Equipment Fund with Chad Martin. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

Capital Equipment Funds w/DPW Foreman, Chad Martin 7:42 p.m.

Chad Martin updated the Selectboard on the condition of Truck #5. There was discussion about Trucks #4, #5 and the 550. There was discussion about other equipment; the grader, the excavator, the roller, a tow-behind chipper, and the mower.

Chad Martin will get more quotes for replacing the 550.

There was discussion of when the tractor and loader were purchased.



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Chad Martin told the Selectboard the crew has to rely too often on personal vehicles to attend trainings or get to a location. Chad Martin suggested the purchase of a 4-Door Club Cab with removable sides.

In a review of the Fire Capital Equipment Fund, Stuart Rogers noted that replacement is earlier than before because of the electronics, as well as continuing regulations.

Stuart Rogers said Chief Evans is reviewing the Police Department numbers for accuracy.

2018 Budget Discussion

Bill Huff suggested that the Selectboard write something for the Town Report about the responsibilities of a Town Manager or Administrator, in order to introduce the Town to the concept.

Tracy Borst commented that she would like to see money go towards Town Governance instead of some department increases.

There was discussion about putting Treasure Island under the Recreation Department, creating a full-time position for the current part-time Recreation Director.

Motion by James Dixon that Treasure Island be returned to the Recreation Department and considered the responsibility of a full-time Recreation Director, effective at a time agreeable to the Recreation Director. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

Update w/Collector of Delinquent Taxes 9:11 p.m.

Mary Dan Pomeroy told the Selectboard that Attorney Stitzel, of Page and Fletcher Law, recommended that any or all properties that have not entered into a valid payment program be submitted to him for tax sale in April. Mary Dan Pomeroy said a mailing will go out in March and April to delinquent property tax owners, explaining that an agreement with the Town would prevent them from going to tax sale. The Attorney will send a letter 10 days in advance of the deadline, which will give them another chance to come to an agreement with the Town. Once the



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proceedings begin on day 11, there will be no opportunity for an agreement. The property owner would need to make full payment to avoid the sale.

Old Business

- Upcoming Agendas

Other Business 9:32 p.m.

- 2018 Wage Scale

- Concerns of Previous Agreement from Community Center

The Selectboard had a member of the Thetford Center Community Association express concerns regarding the verbal agreement with the Town for the plowing of the drive in front of the Community Building. The concerns were raised because it had not been done during the last storm, and the Association had to hire someone to plow it.

There was discussion about the possible need for a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the TCCA.

- Town Meeting Update & Warned Articles

Stuart Rogers said the School Board will be going first at Town Meeting, and they have requested a start time of 8:00 a.m. The School Board will need to discuss the time with the Town Moderator.

There was discussion about when the Town portion of the meeting would start, as there is expected discussion around Article 1.

The Selectboard reviewed the Warned Articles.

- Union Negotiations Update (Anticipated Executive Session)

- Legal Update (Anticipated Executive Session)



- Personnel Discussion (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 (3-0-0)**

Motion made by Stuart Rogers at 10:03 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters in an Executive Session per *Discussion of Matters as per IV.S.A., subsection 313, paragraphs A1&3.*

Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

Motion by James Dixon to exit Executive Session at 11:03 p.m. Seconded by Stuart Rogers.

VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)

Motion by Stuart Rogers to approve the 2018 wage scale, with edits, to become effective as of January 1, 2018. Seconded by James Dixon. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

Motion by James Dixon to adjourn the Regular Selectboard Meeting at 11:07 p.m. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**



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