



## **Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **Thetford Town Offices**

Monday, January 29, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Selectboard Members present: James Dixon (6:40 p.m.), Jessica Eaton (6:50 p.m.), Stuart Rogers, Li Shen, Douglas Stone

Others present: Tracy Borst (Town Clerk), Jill Graff (Town Treasurer), Sally Bugg (Recycling Center Coordinator), Chad Martin (DPW Foreman), Martie Betts (Selectboard Assistant)

Community Members present: Bill Huff, Sarah Sully, Bill Cole, Stuart Blood, Sherry Merrick, Ben Bradley, Phobe McCosker, Bob Walker, Barbara DeFelice, Pam Kneisel

#### **Public Comment 6:03 p.m.**

No public comment.

#### **Correspondence 6:05 p.m.**

Stuart Rogers sent an electronic response to the resident about their Homestead Declaration.

The Selectboard received the MOU from the Thetford Fire Department for work in an emergency situation.

The Selectboard received the Police Department activity report from 1/21 through 1/27.

#### **Minutes & Warrants 6:05 p.m.**

Review of payroll – no action needed.

Unable to approve minutes of January 11<sup>th</sup>, and January 22<sup>nd</sup>, due to lack of quorum of those present at those meetings.

#### **2018 Final Budget Discussion 6:25 p.m.**

The Recycling Center Coordinator, Sally Bugg, discussed the Recycling Center Budget with the Selectboard. There is currently very little revenue from recycling materials. Sally Bugg reported that

people are using the compost cans, and that the program is still under a grant. There was discussion about the plastic bag recycling.

**Motion** by James Dixon to increase the Recycling Center Permit fee from \$18 to \$25 beginning on April 1, 2018. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

Sally Bugg agreed to be the 2018 Green-Up Day Coordinator.

Big trash day will be on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **DPW Budget with Foreman Chad Martin**

There was a discussion about the line item for Road Maintenance Supplies.

There was a review of the salaries line item. Jill Graff reminded the Selectboard that when a seasonal part-time employee is not working they file for unemployment. There was discussion about contracting out work. The Selectboard discussed 5 full-time employees and 1 seasonal employee with a start and end date for the DPW. There was discussion about the Project Manager and the condition of the Town Garage building.

### **General Budget Discussion**

The Selectboard discussed the future potential of having a paid Fire Department. The Selectboard discussed the major change that would happen, and whether the discussion should go before the voters. It was noted that currently the Board of Trustees includes members of the Fire Department.

**Motion** by Li Shen to make a proposal to level fund the Fire Department and put the proposed increase in stipend in a warned article. After some discussion, the motion was seconded by Jessica Eaton. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

The Selectboard decided to level fund Upper Valley Ambulance and begin research on an alternative service.

### **Draft Town Warning Discussion 8:40 p.m.**

The Selectboard reviewed suggestions to the Energy Resolution submitted by Bob Walker. Stuart Rogers said the opinions for VLCT and Town Legal Counsel said current wording could be binding in court. The suggestion was made for the Resolution to be put under “other business” instead of a warned article. Bob Walker would like to make sure there is opportunity for discussion with residents. There was discussion about how neighboring Towns were including it at their Town Meetings.

## **Draft Reports for Town Report**

Tracy Borst reminded the Selectboard of the reports that are still needed for the Town Report.

### **9:30-9:40 Old Business**

There will be a Special Selectboard Meeting on Wednesday night to finalize the budget.

#### **- Upcoming Agendas**

Thetford/Strafford Solar Valuation Agreement, TVFD MOU, NRRA Agreement, Town Meeting Update, Liaison Updates

Motion by Stuart Rogers to adjourn the Regular Selectboard Meeting at 11:15 p.m. Seconded by Li Shen.  
VOTE unanimous (4-0-0) (Jessica Eaton exited the meeting at 10:45 p.m.)

