



## **Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **Thetford Town Offices**

Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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

Selectboard Members present: James Dixon, Jessica Eaton (7:58 p.m.), Stuart Rogers, Li Shen, Douglas Stone

Others present: Tracy Borst (Town Clerk), Martie Betts (Selectboard Assistant)

Community Members present: Robin Pettingill, Bob Watson, Bill Huff, Toni Pippy, John Freitag, Brian Johnson

#### **Public Comment 7:04 p.m.**

Robin Pettingill and Bob Watson from the Fire Department Board of Trustees read a letter concerning an email the Fire Department received about the Fire Department budget. The Fire Department Trustee members asked the Selectboard to review the letter and respond.

#### **Minutes & Warrants w/Correspondence 7:06 p.m.**

The Selectboard received information from the Vermont Counsel on Rural Development.

The Selectboard received notice of the Selectboard Institute which will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The Selectboard received the TRORC Project Prioritization Process for Road Work and Bridge Work. Comments can be submitted until Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Warrants:

#3.3 \$566.47

#4.2 \$19,150.40

#5.1 \$200,094.89

#3.4 \$21,875.51

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

**VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

**Motion** by James Dixon to accept the Regular Selectboard Meeting Minutes of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, as edited. Seconded by Douglas Stone **VOTE (3-0-0)** Li Shen abstained.

**Thetford/Strafford Solar Valuation Agreement 7:30 p.m.**

A quorum of the Strafford Selectboard was at the Thetford Selectboard meeting to sign the Agreement of Valuation of the Elizabeth Mine Solar Array.

**Motion** by Toni Pippy to convene a Special Meeting of the Strafford Selectboard. Seconded by John Freitag. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

**Motion** by John Freitag to authorize the Strafford and Thetford Selectboard Chairs to sign the Agreement of Valuation of the Elizabeth Mine Solar Array. Seconded by Brian Johnson. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

**Motion** by James Dixon to authorize the Strafford and Thetford Selectboard Chairs to sign the Agreement of Valuation of the Elizabeth Mine Solar Array. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

**Motion** by John Freitag at 7:38 p.m. to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Strafford Selectboard. Seconded by Brian Johnson. **VOTE unanimous (3-0-0)**

**- NRRA Agreement 7:45 p.m.**

**Motion** by Douglas Stone to sign the 2018 Memorandum of Understanding with Northeast Resource Recovery Association, which governs the movement of mixed paper, commingled containers with or without glass and glass produced at the NRRA member site in Thetford VT. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE (3-1-0)**

### **Town Meeting Update 7:50 p.m.**

Tracy Borst updated the Selectboard on preparations for Town Meeting. Chairs and tables will need to be picked up from Thetford Academy. Lunch will be provided by a group of high school seniors raising money for a mission trip.

There was discussion about the PA system, and how to set up the space.

### **Approval of Town Report 8:05 p.m.**

**Motion** by Stuart Rogers to approve the Town Report, as edited. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

The Selectboard reviewed the Warning for Town Meeting.

### **Draft Town Plan Process Discussion 9:03 p.m.**

Stuart Rogers reviewed the process for approving a Town Plan. The Selectboard will need to review their noted comments and then send the Town Plan back to the Planning Commission. Stuart Rogers explained the 3 options; to just return it to commission, to rewrite and send it back, or send it back with comments. Bill Huff told the Selectboard there were resources available to the Planning Commission to help with the language for the Town Plan. Wayne Parks said he believed there was dereliction in the duty of the Planning Commission to have outside committees to write sections of the plan, as it is the job of the Planning Commission to write the plan.

Stuart Rogers said the Town Plan expired on May 14, 2017. Therefore the Town Plan cannot be consulted during any Act 250 reviews, and the Town is not eligible for community block grants. Stuart Rogers said there have been numerous towns that have amended or created new plans.

The Selectboard will review noted comments at the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Selectboard meeting.

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

#### **- Upcoming Agendas -**

Chad Martin will be in on 2/12 for a DPW, including discussion on the 550.

**- Committee Appointments (RAC)**

**Motion** by James Dixon to appoint Kevin Brooker, Stacy Barton and Stephanie Gulick to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a term of one year to fill vacancies. Seconded by Stuart Rogers. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

**- Committee Mission Clarification (RAC)**

Stuart Rogers said there have been some questions about the mission of the Recreation Advisory Committee. James Dixon said the committee is an advisory committee, and they could be a brain-storming committee for Treasure Island. Li Shen noted that it would be nice if they would volunteer to do actual work at Treasure Island.

There was discussion about the history of the committee before there was a director.

**9:40-10:00 Other Business**

**- TVFD MOU**

**- Union Contract Updates (Anticipated Executive Session)**

**- Personnel Discussion (Anticipated Executive Session)**

Stuart Rogers **moved** at 9:55 p.m. to find that premature, general public knowledge of legal updates and personnel matters would clearly place the municipality involved to suffer a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Li Shen. **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 IVSA.subsection 313 paragraphs A1&3*. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

**Motion** by James Dixon to exit Executive Session at 10:22 p.m. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

No action taken at this time,

**Motion** by James Dixon to adjourn the Regular Selectboard Meeting at 10:23 p.m. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (5-0-0)**

