



Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

Thetford Town Offices

Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Selectboard Members present: Jessica Eaton, Stuart Rogers, Li Shen, Douglas Stone

Selectboard Members absent: James Dixon

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

Community members present: Bill Huff

Stuart Rogers noted there would be a change in the agenda; Road Foreman Chad Martin is present for continued discussion on the 550 truck.

Public Comment 7:12 p.m.

Bill Huff said the Board of Civil Authority meeting on February 22nd will end by 7:00 p.m. to allow people to attend the Fire Department Informational meeting. Bill Huff said testing of the equipment will take place the following morning at 9:00 a.m.

Correspondence 7:12 p.m.

Jessica Eaton received an email from a resident about 2018 Town mowing. Jessica Eaton replied and asked the resident about maintenance of the sidewalks. The email will be forwarded to the Selectboard.

The Selectboard received a notice of the VLCT Governmental Accounting and Auditing Symposium which will be held in March.

The Selectboard received the Annual Grants and Pavement notice and the Town Road and Bridge Standards Update letter.

The Selectboard received an email from a resident concerned about snowmobile use on the Thetford Center Common. The resident expressed concerns about snowmobiles hitting the stone Memorial Bench. There was discussion about the VAST Trail that crosses the Common with permission of the town. Tracy Borst made copies of the deed when Charles Hughes gave the land to the Town for the Selectboard to review. Douglas Stone will send an email to the Snowmobile Club and those involved in the incident with a reminder that riders must be licensed and stay on the trail. The Snowmobile Club will be asked to mark a trail to the store for gas.

The Selectboard received an email from a resident interested in being on the Historic Preservation Committee.

The Selectboard received a notice from Greater Upper Valley Waste Management with the dates of all 2018 collection events.

Minutes & Warrants 7:14 p.m.

#7.3 \$248.00

#6.2 \$21,646.19

#4.4 \$21,207.50

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the warrants as presented, with the exception of #7.1, set aside for later discussion. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Regular Selectboard Meeting minutes of February 12th, 2018, as presented. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Discussion with DPW Foreman Chad Martin 7:33 p.m.

Chad Martin told the Selectboard that Truck #5 was back in service, but there were ongoing problems. Chad Martin updated the Selectboard on the search for a new truck. Chad Martin said there is a truck at Twin State Ford that was ready for purchase. The Selectboard asked Chad Martin to get current bids for replacing the truck.

There was discussion about shutting down or posting roads during the early Spring. Chad Martin will pick up signs from VTrans at the Road Foreman's meeting on February 27th.

Chad Martin will attend the next Selectboard meeting for a decision on the purchase of a new truck and posting the roads.

Town Officials Discussion 8:03 p.m.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept notice of retirement from Town Treasurer, Jill Graff and Assistant Town Treasurer, Becky Buchanan, effective June 2018. Seconded by Jessica Eaton.

VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)

The Selectboard thanked Jill Graff and Becky Buchanan for all of their time, work well done, and wished them the best in retirement.

Town Meeting Update & Discussion 8:05 p.m.

Tracy Borst said chairs and tables will be brought from Thetford Academy to Thetford Elementary School by 9 a.m. Friday morning and returned on Monday morning. The set up for the meeting will be facing the stage. Tracy Borst is still working on the sound system. Jessica Eaton suggested borrowing the sound system from Gray's Auction. Tracy Borst said coffee, lunch and child care plans are now firm.

There was a typo on the warning for the School Board meeting, however the Secretary of State's Office said the start time is clearly marked in other areas.

The Selectboard reviewed who will speak to the Warned Articles.

Tracy Borst told the Selectboard that she had reached out to other towns about appropriations for social services, and their percentages were between .5% to 5%. Tracy Borst said many towns require services to submit a petition every year, or every 3rd year. There was discussion about making changes for next year. Li Shen will draft a letter informing the services of the budget reduction for 2018.

Stuart Rogers reminded the Selectboard that the next Selectboard meeting will be Pre-Town Meeting.

Old Business

- Upcoming Agendas (Feb. 26th at 6:30 pm for "business" prior to Pre-Town?)

Motion by Stuart Rogers to start the Regular Selectboard Meeting on February 26th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for town business, prior to the Candidates Forum and Pre-Town Meeting. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Stuart Rogers said there will be no Selectboard Meeting between Town Meeting on Saturday March 3rd, and voting on Tuesday, March 6th.

The Selectboard meeting on Monday, March 12th, 2018, will be a reorganization of Selectboard, and noting annual resolutions.

Other Business

- Committee Appointment

Motion by Stuart Rogers to appoint Katie Saunders for a 3-year term to the Historic Preservation Committee. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

- Upcoming Year (thoughts and needs)

Department of Public Works truck situation.

Completion of work to damaged roads.

- Personnel Discussion (Anticipated Executive Session)

- Legal Update (Anticipated Executive Session)

Stuart Rogers **moved** at 8:48 p.m. to find that premature, general public knowledge of personnel and legal updates would clearly place the town or person involved to suffer a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion made by Stuart Rogers at 8:49 p.m. 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 Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers at 10:37 p.m. to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to approve Warrant #7.1 (\$5,001). Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers at 10:39 p.m. to adjourn the Regular Selectboard Meeting. Seconded by Douglas Stone. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

