



Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

Thetford Town Offices

Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Stuart Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Selectboard Members present: Cathee Clement, Stuart Rogers, Li Shen, Douglas Stone

Selectboard Members absent: James Dixon

Others present: Jill Graff (Town Treasurer), Chad Martin (DPW Foreman), Craig Allen (Patriot Sales), Nathan

Community Members present: Ellis Paige, Bob Eaton, Bill Huff, John Bacon

6:30-7:00 DPW Capital Equip. Fund Schedule Update

Chad Martin updated the Selectboard on pricing between a new 6-wheeler truck and a new 10-wheeler truck. Chad Martin gave statistics collected from 2017 on truck usage.

Craig Allen with Patriot Freightliner attended the Selectboard meeting to explain details on the truck purchase and warranty information.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to follow the recommendation from the DPW Foreman on replacement schedule in order to get into a time slot to replace Truck #5 with a new 10-wheeler truck with the shorter 9' wing. Seconded by Cathee Clement. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Craig Allen will send the Town a bill of sale with warranty updated pricing and warranty information.

7:00-7:15 Public Comment

Bob Eaton asked the Selectboard for a registered land surveyor to find the corner pin between Cranberry Road and Schoolhouse Road.

Correspondence 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the Town of Vershire's offer of \$1,000.00 to purchase the Diamond Mower. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE (3-0-1)** Douglas Stone abstained.

The Selectboard received VLCT newsletters.

The Selectboard received a letter about the Conservation Commission.

The Selectboard received an email from a resident concerned about a culvert on Cream Street.

Stuart Rogers reported on a 3-hour meeting with FEMA.

Minutes and Warrants 7:35 p.m.

#16.3 \$30,593.95

#15.2 \$32,982.47

#16.1 \$15,932.95

Review of timesheets for payroll ending 4/21/18

Motion by Stuart Rogers to accept the warrants as presented. Seconded by Li Shen.

VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)

Update w/Recreation Director 7:53

Recreation Director Nathan Maxwell said there will now be a softball program and discussed damage repair to the field sustained after the July 1, 2017 storm.

Nathan Maxwell updated the Selectboard on recreation programs being planned.

Nathan Maxwell had information for a lightening detection system for Treasure Island. There was discussion about the best placement for it and how to protect it during the winter.

Nathan Maxwell discussed hours and staffing for Treasure Island, as well as some new initiatives.

Nathan Maxwell discussed the yearly contract for the use of the Post Mills field.

There was discussion about skate parks.

There was discussion about the function of the Recreation Advisory Board.

8:00-8:15 Approval of 2018 LEOP

Motion by Cathee Clement to accept the Local Emergency Operations Plan for 2018. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

8:15-8:30 MOU w/TVFD & VT Alert

Letters of Interest for Town Manager Committee & Treasurer 9:42

The following community members expressed an interest in being on the Town Manager Committee; Bill Huff, Michael Kiess, Mark McMahon, and John Bacon. Town Clerk Tracy Borst and Town Employee Mary Ellen Parkman are also interested in being on the Committee.

There was discussion about the mission of the Committee.

Motion by Stuart Rogers for the creation of a Town Manager Committee “to study the transition and implementation of a move from the current form of government to a Town Manager to include the cost, organizational charts and the steps to implementation with holding at least 2 public forums. The final report from the committee should be presented to the Selectboard on or before July 9, 2018.” Seconded by Cathee Clement. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to appoint the following to the Town Manager Committee; Bill Huff, John Bacon, Mark McMahon, Michael Kiess, Tracy Borst, and Mary Ellen Parkman, with the ability to appoint another Town employee. Cathee Clement will be the Selectboard liaison. Seconded by Cathee Clement. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

9:00-9:30 Discussion of Upcoming Bond (Storm Damages)

Motion by Stuart Rogers to ask attorney Paul Giuliani to assist with the bond for July 1, 2017 storm damage. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

9:30-9:40 Old Business

- Upcoming Agendas

- Annual Retreat - planning

- Reminder of TES 3rd Grade Interviews - Wednesday, April 25th

9:40-10:00 Other Business

Cathee Clement said she has crafted a vacancy notice to vote on reducing the number of members for the Planning Commission. The Selectboard gave their approval of the notice.

- 2018 Liaison List Discussion & Clarification

The 2018 Liaison List was reviewed and finalized.

- Discussion of Letters of Interest (Anticipated Executive Session)

- Personnel Discussion (Anticipated Executive Session)

Stuart Rogers moved at 11:13 p.m. to find that premature, general public knowledge of personnel would clearly place the municipality and person involved to suffer a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion made by Stuart Rogers at 11:13 p.m. to discuss personnel 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 11:57 p.m. to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Douglas Stone for approval of letter to Town employee, and signature by the Selectboard Chair. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

Motion by Stuart Rogers to adjourn the regular Selectboard meeting at 11:58 p.m. Seconded by Li Shen. **VOTE unanimous (4-0-0)**

