



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2018

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Attending the Meeting: Phil Pouech, Tom Ayer, Aaron Kimball, Andrea Morgante, Merrily Lovell, Renae Marshall, Dave Rugh, Alex Weinhagen

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session

Andrea moved to acknowledge that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage and to go into executive session for attorney client communication under the provision of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1) including Renae Marshall, Town Administrator, Dave Rugh, attorney from Stitzel, Page & Fletcher and Alex Weinghagen, director of planning and zoning. Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Andrea moved to come out of executive session, second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes. Tom needed to leave the meeting as he did not feel well.

Phil advised two items were discussed in executive session; ongoing litigation with Hannaford moves back to the environmental court and questions about the Planning Commissions proposed interim zoning.

Concerning the interim zoning the first meeting in February it is anticipated there will be discussion among the Board. They will not make any decisions at that meeting but discuss what actions the Select Board might take.

There were no changes to the agenda or public comment.

Bid Openings and Award for Temporary Fast Trash/Recycling Services on Saturday Mornings

Renae reports no bids were received. Phil said the desire is to provide service of some sort for residents that is a local option, the Board will decide how to proceed.

FY 19 Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Plan Hearing

Renaë reviewed with the Board the capital improvement transfers. Phil noted the capital improvement plan funding is anticipated to increase continually each year due to some large capital improvement projects.

Andrea moved to accept the capital budget for FY 19 and capital improvement plan that goes out five years. Second by Aaron and approved with 4 yes votes.

FY 19 General Fund Budget and FY 19 Capital Transfer Summary Review

The proposed FY 19 budget has an increase of 12.71% from the FY 18 budget most of which is attributed to the debt service. Proposed is to use \$120,000 from the fund balance to offset the tax rate by approximately 2 cents. This would be a 4 and ½ cent increase to the tax rate from last year based on the estimated grand list.

Phil asked about revenue from the solar trackers. Renaë said it is shown under facilities income.

Merrily asked about the Conservation Commission budget regarding Geprags Park maintenance. Merrily said she does not see why the \$1,800 requested would not be covered by the \$3,000 from VT Gas. Renaë explained \$4,000 was removed from Natural Resources thinking that if there was a need for that expense it could come from VT Gas funds. The \$3,000 is an annual payment for 10 years and the \$1,000 a one-time payment. At the end of the discussion last meeting with Mike Bissonette, chair of the Conservation Commission, the Board indicated to use the funds for Natural Resources and other areas as needed and kept the \$1,800 for mowing in the budget. Phil asked if the VT Gas funds should be shown as revenue. Renaë said she checked into that and can't be shown as revenue as it would go back into the general fund at the end of the fiscal year if not used. Andrea added she feels it would be a reserve fund. Merrily said the money can only be used for Geprags and not sure money for the wildlife tracking is appropriate as that is town wide. Andrea said we should look at the language of the stipulation, she thinks it for maintenance and for the Golden Winged Warbler. Renaë said the \$1,000 was tied to the Warbler habitat. The \$3,000 had been related to maintenance when VT Gas was going to do trenching. When it was decided not to trench, VT Gas said they would still make the payment to the Town.

Lake Iroquois Recreation District replied to Renaë's inquiry on the road. The road belongs to the municipality of the Lake Iroquois District. Williston can no longer do the maintenance work on the road and so the District needs to hire a contractor. The District maintains the road for the time frame from opening of the beach until closing. Also they do not maintain the road beyond the recreation areas.

Town Report, it was agreed to include charts showing budget information to make it easier to see the breakdown for funding.

Town Meeting Warning Review

Board members reviewed and Renae also said she will be sending members reports for proof reading over the week.

Town Administrator

Renae reported on the water main break on Mechanicsville Rd. from last week and the problems the Town is experiencing due to the age of the water lines.

February 1st the Town Administrator Assistant Joy Dubin Grossman starts.

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Aandrea addressed a comment regarding the billing for the water system and need to have more information for users on the bill.

Phil wanted to acknowledge Wayne Maceyka for the pop up work sites he has organized.

Minutes

Aaron moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Andrea and approved with 4 yes votes.

Warrants

Aaron moved to approve the warrants, including payroll, as submitted by the Town Treasurer. Second by Andrea and approved with 4 yes votes.

Aaron moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m., second by Andrea. Phil noted next week on the agenda is the final budget and warnings and asked if there is anything else. Renae said concerning glebe land the Town has, there is one for sale and in the deed there is old language from the Church of England which needs to be removed. This will be a quit claim deed for the Select Board to act on.

Concerning the RFP and trash pick up the Board agreed for Renae to proceed and she if can get a contract.

Motion voted and approved with 4 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spdaccini, clerk of the board