

**Town of Londonderry
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, September 18, 2017 - 7 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Paul Gordon, Jim Ameden, George Mora, Bob Forbes, Tom Cavanagh

Staff present: Kevin Beattie, Sharon Crossman, Mathew Rawson

Others in Attendance: Bruce Frauman for GNAT, Chad Stoddard, Lyza Gardner for Vermont Journal, Helen Hamman, Mike Arace, Dick Dale, John Jopling, Caroline Jopling

1. Call meeting to order:

Paul called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda:

Add Frog's Leap/Good Hope Londonderry to Old Business. **Motion by Jim, second by Tom, unanimous approval.**

3. Minutes:

Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2017

Motion to approve Jim, seconded by George, unanimous approval.

4. Select board pay orders

Passed around for review and signing.

5. Announcements/correspondence

- Select Board hearing on Town Plan, October 2, 5:30 p.m.
- Select Board received letter from GM National Forest – increase in fees at Hapgood Pond and Grout Pond
- Select Board subcommittee in search of new TA and ZA; currently interviewing candidates
- VT Alert training September 19 at 4:00 p.m.
- Sharon Crossman reports Baccash property planting and stone placement is complete

6. Visitors and concerned citizens

- a. Chad Stoddard asked for George Mora's resignation from the Select Board; a lengthy discussion ensued including Michael Arace stating his displeasure with George's actions on the Facebook page and with the Select Board. George read a statement indicating that Nadine VanHouten has taken over as moderator of the forum. Paul stated that there is no provision for recalling or dismissing a Board member per the VLCT Select Board handbook.
- b. Helen Hamman asked that the Beautification Committee be kept in the loop on decisions for improvements on the Genser property; Paul committed to involving anyone and everyone with the understanding that there are restrictions for re-use

7. Transfer Station

- a. Update on Punch Card changeover
Tom clarified that punch cards would not be accepted until October 2 when the bag price increase goes into effect
- b. Paul asked for approval of RFP for Plowing and Sanding at the Transfer Station, with start date November 15; will vote to approve the contract language at later meeting.

8. Roads and bridges

- a. Access to Salt Shed

Original plan called for town itself to do preparation of driveways into the site, so no provision was made in RFP; Jim pointed out that the town does not have the equipment required, Paul suggested using some of budget surplus to contract for the work and asked for approval to discuss with contractor.

Jim said using a crusher on site to process stone on site would save a lot of money on material and hauling

- b. We need to post tobacco-policy signs at the Twitchell Building, Town Garage and the Transfer Station; Mathew and Jim will see to it.
- c. We need to sell old ('02) truck; Jim suggested opening bid of \$5,000. Jim asked for approval to swap out bed from the '02 truck to the '05; at a cost of a \$9,150; truck needs the bed repaired to get a few more years out of it

George moved, Bob seconded to spend \$9,150 to swap the beds; unanimous approval

- e. New loader. Jim proposed buying a used 2010 John Deere loader w/2800 hrs. from Nortrax for \$99,900. Based on the Highway Equipment funds, Paul proposed to put \$50,000 down and finance the remainder over 2-3 years.

Jim moved to purchase as outlined, with Tina to look at financing options; Bob seconded; unanimous approval

- f. Mathew reported a use of 860 gallons fuel for month of August

9. Old business

- a. Sand/Salt Shed; working on contract
- b. Prouty Land Signage; asked for approval of signage, slight change to language 'Other than for responsible hunting, the use of firearms is prohibited'. Brief discussion of use of alcoholic beverages, agreed Town Bylaws and parks regulations cover that.

Jim moved to approve signage with minor change to language; Bob seconded; unanimous approval

- c. Genser Property Update – Kevin updated; Hunter taking over demo from Trevor; a barrel of unknown substance found on property is in custody of Transfer Station awaiting ID and disposal.
- d. TOPP; Paul has yet to meet with Larry Gubb regarding TOPP RFP.
- e. Frog's Leap has a coke machine remaining on property; Paul has been trying to get Coke to remove it since July 31, Coke agree to remove it by COB Tues 9/19; Paul would like approval to remove and junk the machine if Coke does not remove it .

George moved, Bob seconded; unanimous approval.

10. New Business

- a. Speed Limit Study - Policing Committee; Paul would like to turn over the issue to the Policing Committee; George said it's a good idea given the time constraints on the board at present. Jim asked about speed studies, as did Bob. Jim reminded us that the Board has already considered the issue several times; recalls that the average speed is in the vicinity of 40 – 45 mph. Jim proposed having the Policing Committee dig up the old studies and report back to us, Paul suggested we also ask them to consider and recommend safety signage.
- b. SB 17 Policing – VT Senate Govt Operations Committee has introduced a bill that would require all VT municipalities to provide 'primary police coverage'. Paul will attend public hearing in Manchester 9/26.
- c. BRSU Money request; BRSU is facing shortfall has asked for an advance on funds that will be paid later this year. Paul asked board to deny request. **George moved, Jim seconded. Unanimous approval.**
- d. Wall Painting Issue – Paul Gordon received a call that Ed Brown had painted over the mural on the concrete retaining wall on September 11. Paul spoke with Ed and contacted VSP. Meanwhile, the board has received a letter from JD Sharp from the Vermont Butcher Shop offering to sponsor an annual mural. Paul asked for input from the Board a) as to whether to proceed with legal process and b) how to respond to Mr. Sharp. Jim and Tom feel that the state should address the defacing of the wall, Sharon expressed that the project itself is the town's. State had already instructed Paul to call VSP. Paul will write to Mr. Sharp to let him know that the issue is complicated and we will be considering solutions over time.

11. Executive Session – Personnel

Paul asked for a motion to move into Executive Session. **George moved, Bob seconded. Moved into session at 8:57, Unanimous approval.**

12. Adjourn

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 9:26; Tom seconded, Unanimous approval.