

Town of Londonderry
Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 16, 2017 - 7:00pm
Twitchell Building - 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry

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

Staff present: Tina Labeau, Kelly Pajala, Tammy Long, Esther Fishman, Robert Nied

Others in Attendance: Dick Dale, Margaret Dawedeit, Bruce Frauman, Chris Blackey, Garrison Buxton, Melissa Hart, Duane Hart, RT Brown, Kristen Mehalick-Brooks, Jennifer Stromsten, Kelly Capen.

1. Call meeting to order

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda: None

3. Minutes:

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes - October 2, 2017

Bob motioned to approve, George seconded. Passed with all in favor.

4. Select board pay orders: Pay orders passed around and signed

5. Announcements/Correspondence:

Introduction of TA/ZA Robert Nied

Paul introduced and welcomed Robert. He's recently moved to Chester from NY and will be training and familiarizing himself with the position over the next few weeks - his regular office hours will start in early November.

Vermont Lister of the Year

Paul announced that the VALA named Londonderry Head Lister Sandra Clark as their Lister of the Year at their annual conference. She was happily surprised and all agreed it is well deserved.

Frog's Leap Inn

Paul announced that a needed notice of abandonment for 2 vehicles left on the property by caretaker has been published in the Vermont Journal. The owner has 60 days to remove or they become town property. Paul contacted the owner by phone to let him know that the notice had been published.

Road Crew Thanks

Kudos were given to Mathew and the road crew for installing the new smoking policy signs at town facilities and the signs for the Prouty property.

Justice of the Peace

Kelly Pajala announced the need for a new Justice of the Peace to fill Steve Prouty's place. The process for independents is that the Governor appoints a replacement. She will announce the time frame to accept letters of interest and proceed from there. Appointment will be needed ASAP as the new grand list may foster Board of Civil Authority hearings.

Correspondence was passed around.

6. Visitors and Concerned Citizens:

- a. SeVEDS-BDCC - Kristin Mehaick

Kristin came to talk about her roll and provided a handout showing town data. Internships are available for any currently enrolled college student or recent graduate. R.T. Brown. Spoke about various types of grants and loans for economic development. He works with small businesses, provides a start up lab and business planning. He helps businesses get funds from non-traditional sources. Jennifer Stromsten talked about the financing conference in Weston. Kristin asked for appropriation money from Londonderry. Paul noted that we've warned this as a separate article in the past and suggested with do so again.

b. Chris Blackey - Champion Fire Dept.

Talked about the Halloween Trunk or Treat time change to 4:30 - 6pm. He asked for, and was granted, permission to close Main Street for the event. George asked that an email be sent ahead of time warning of the street closure so the road crew can get cones, signs, etc. No objections - Approved. State Police has been asked to be in attendance in the town for the event.

c. Dick Dale put out a plea to Londonderry residents to sign up for the VT Alert system. It's easy and people can sign up to receive notifications on line. He reminded people we're having our first tabletop exercise November 4 at 8:30 am to practice an emergency response. 47 people have been invited, it will be announced on the website, the email distribution list, and George will post it on the Community Forum. Bruce said information cards will be available at Trunk or Treat.

d. Margaret Dawedeit asked how busy is our website? Paul said that it is used often for reference and it is updated regularly.

7. Transfer Station:

a. Sanding Bid -

The deadline was noon today. Hart's All Season is the only bid. Indications were that there would be others, but none were submitted by the deadline. Paul asked the board if they wished to accept the bid or extend the deadline and repost. Jim – the bid was here by the deadline, we should accept the bid of \$5,900.00 for plowing and sanding. **George moved, Bob seconded. Passed with all approval.**

b. Punch Cards -

Since some people posting on the community forum are misunderstanding the changes and others might be uninformed, Esther provided a summary of the changes and reasons for them. She reiterated that the town auditors advised us to remove cash from the Transfer Station. She shared how transfer station works along with some reminders of the universal recycling law passed in 2012. Our Solid Waste Implementation Plan is on the website including the town's collection rate - what you throw out you pay for, etc. Variable rate pricing is required by the state of Vermont. Esther did outreach to every business and all the towns in our group. George asked if the TS a revenue for the town? It is not. Even if the town decided to privatize, we would still be responsible for a variety of state mandates. She added that our 5 towns are assessed on based population in addition to the tipping fees.

c. Tom indicated that here continues to be concern about the backhoe at the TS. Repairs and parts are needed. Conversation should start about how we can get a new one. Paul said we will put it on the list of things to talk about. Jim added that any cost should be dispersed to all towns in the group. We will continue to research how to address the concern and how to fund a replacement.

8. Roads and Bridges:

a. Salt availability - we approved a salt and sand shed on the Prouty lands but the contractor hasn't broken ground yet. There has been some difficulty with some of the contractual language but

work will begin soon. They believe we can get things finished properly and on time for winter. The question was asked where will we get salt if shed isn't ready on time? Jim and Mathew are talking with the State as a resource for salt.

9. Old Business:

- a. Sand/Salt Shed - Work should begin soon.
- b. Personnel Policy - Stephanie, Tina and Paul worked on the revised policy. Changes were made to the Smoking section and the Leave section along with other minor adjustments. Paul asked if the board wished to have more time to review or to go over it tonight? Changes were reviewed and **a motion to approve was made by George, Jim seconded. Passed unanimously.** The Board signed the new Personnel Policy, effective October 16, 2017
- c. Genser Property Update – The grass is growing. Beautification, Parks and After the Flood groups met to continue talks about plans, modifications and what resources are available. There next meeting is November 1 @ 4:30 at Town Office.
- d. TOPP - Marble Valley Engineering had sent a full packet which could be part of an RFP for the waterproofing portion of the project. After discussion with MVE, we will address the RFP after the new year and plan for the work to begin in the spring.

10. New Business

- a. Policing Committee - We received a letter from the Policing Committee declining the board's request for them to address the speed limit, safety signs etc. They asked that the policing contract continue but they wish to disband the committee. Paul asked if any board member wished to investigate speed limits and safety signs? George volunteered to look into it. Paul accepted her offer and Robert will assist. Dick Dale added- The Policing Committee was a citizen-motivated and came into existence as a result of SB action. Since that committee seemed to work, is it time for the possibility of George leading a citizens traffic committee? The town seems to want to slow traffic and promote safety with signage. George agreed and she will draft a proposal to see if we can get interest.
- b. Wall Painting - Paul reported that he submitted reports to the state police which will be forwarded to the State's Attorney. An article stated that Ed Brown has been arrested and charged with criminal mischief and must appear in court in November. Paul asked permission to represent the town in future proceedings and to seek monetary restitution and dismissal or reduction of criminal charges. Jim asked about AOT position on the issue. They had no objection to what we've done. He agreed that the charge of criminal mischief is severe. George also agreed. Garrison Buxton expressed that he feels it should be a severe charge because the way we proceed sets a precedent for the future and what's appropriate/inappropriate. What he did was illegal. George agreed consequences need to be clear but doesn't want to see him go to jail. Paul will report at the next meeting (Nov. 6) what the State's Attorney has to recommend.
- c. Promissory Notes- We previously approved borrowing money for the Salt/Sand Shed (\$160,000) from the Cemetery Commission. They also agreed to a loan for the purchase of the loader (\$45,000). **Motioned to sign the notes by Jim and seconded by George. Passed with all approval.** Jim thanked the CC for the loan and the great interest rate of 2%

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.