

Town of Londonderry
Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 22, 2018 - 7:00 PM
Twitchell Building - 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT

Board Members Present: Jim Ameden Bob Forbes, Georgianne Mora, Tom Cavanagh

Board Members Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Tina Labeau, Robert Nied, Bruce Frauman, Kelly Pajala, Sharon Crossman, Kevin Beattie

1. Call meeting to order

Acting Select Board Chair **Jim Ameden** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda:

- a. **George moved** to add a discussion of the condition of the library stone wall to the agenda, **seconded by Tom, approved by all in favor.**
- b. **George moved** to add update on sand and salt shed to the agenda, **seconded by Tom, approved by all in favor.**

3. Minutes:

Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes - **George moved to approve the minutes for the January 8, 2018 Select Board meeting, seconded by Tom, approved by all in favor.**

4. Select board pay orders:

Pay orders distributed to Select Board members. Pay orders reviewed and signed.

5. Announcements/Correspondence:

- a. **Tina** thanked the Select Board for allowing the *First Baptist Church* to use the Town Hall while the church was being rebuilt and announced that the congregation would soon be moving back into the church.
- b. **Kelly** announced that voting on the school budget would be by Australian ballot at Town Hall, on Town Meeting Day and stated that the polls would be open from 7 AM until 7 PM, adding that the budget will be coming from Taconic and Green this year.

7. Visitors and Concerned Citizens:

None

8. Town Officials Business

- a. **Jim** stated that the Board must review and approve a contract for the auditing firm. Discussion followed to clarify the purpose and frequency of the audits. **Bob** asked for the bottom line cost of the audit. **Tina** stated that the cost was \$15,000. **Bob moved to approve the auditor's contract, seconded by George and approved by all in favor.**
- b. **Robert** stated that he had registered the Town to participate in a no cost Village Sanitation Pilot Program sponsored by the *Windham Regional Commission* and stated that this study was one of two programs that had recently become available to look at alternative approaches to waste treatment within rural village environments. **Robert** stated that this was an issue already being looked at by the Planning Commission.

George discussed the second program which is a State program to address new waste treatment systems. **Sharon** added that the second and larger study will have initial funding for six (6) towns and would include community engagement as a component in order for property owners to develop a better understanding of the issues involved and the solutions available. **Kelly** added that there is an initiative underway by the Rural Economic Development Caucus in Montpelier to look closely at the issue rural waste treatment. **Robert** asked if the two programs were in anyway redundant and if participating in both would benefit the Town. Discussion followed about the benefits of participating in both programs and the need to identify and fund viable projects in advance of anticipated interest rate increases.

9. Transfer Station

Tom stated that some people are still showing up at the transfer station without the required permit. Tom stated that the permits can be purchased at the Town Office or through the mail. **Robert** announced that a new podcast about the transfer station, recorded by Esther Fishman, has been added to the Town's website.

10. Road and Bridges

Jim stated that repairs have been completed on the backhoe and also stated that they are making an effort to manage overtime by adjusting schedules in response to weather events.

Jim stated that the Town has received an Excess Weight Permit request. The Select Board reviewed the permit. **Bob moved to approve the permit request from Newport Sand and Gravel Co. Inc. from Newport NH, seconded by Tom and approved by all in favor.**

George reported that the stone wall along the road by the library was damaged and there was a danger of large stones falling into the road. **Jim** stated that they were aware and would look at addressing the issues as soon as they had more favorable weather.

11. Old Business

- a. Budget – Tina reported that there have been no substantive changes to the draft budget as last reviewed by the Board. **Bob moved to approve the six-month budget, seconded by George, approved by all in favor. Bob moved to accept the twelve-month budget, seconded by George, approved by all in favor.**
- b. Appropriations – **Tina** stated that no petitions have been received for denied appropriation requests. **Jim** stated that hearing no petitions, the denied appropriation requests will not be included in the warning for Town Meeting.
- c. Warning – discussion about the language of final version of warning for Town Meeting. **George moved to approve the warning with the following changes – striking Article 7 and amending Article 10, seconded by Tom.** Discussion about Article 12 and 13. **Jim** stated that if Article 12 did not get approved, Article 13 would automatically be deleted. **Kevin** asked if the language amended to remove a reference to Vermont State Police and broaden the policing language. Bob stated that the language should specifically reference the State Police because that is what the Policing Committee recommend. **Robert** discussed the resource issued faced by the State Police which have resulted in reduced coverage for the Town. **Warning approved by all in favor.**

12. New Business

- a. Donation of used laptop - **Sharon** presented a request a request for a donation of the old Zoning Administrator laptop to the *Friends of West River Trail*. Discussion about the operating system of the computer. **Bob moved to donate the used laptop to the Friends of West River Trail, seconded by George, approved by all in favor.**

- b. New *Green Up Day* Coordinator – **Kelly** stated that she has served as the *Green Up Day* Coordinator but that her schedule no longer permits her to do so. Discussion of duties of the Coordinator. **Kevin** stated that there is a need to advise participants about the hazards of picking up trash along the roads. **George** stated that she would put out a call for a new Coordinator on the Community Forum. **Kelly** stated that she would help search for a replacement.

13. Adjourn

George moved to adjourn, seconded by Tom, approved by all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Signatures of Approval: