

Town of Londonderry
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Monday September 17, 2018 – 7:00 pm
Twitchell Building - 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT

Board Members Present: Jim Ameden, Tom Cavanagh, Taylor Prouty, Bob Forbes

Board Members Absent: George Mora

Others in Attendance: Robert Nied, RT Brown, Dick Dale, Jennifer Stromsten, Bob Borella, Sharon Crossman, Will Reed, Kelly Pajala

1. Call meeting to order:

Select Board Chair **Jim Ameden** called the Select Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

Taylor moved to add an access permit to the agenda, seconded by Tom, approved by all in favor.

Tom moved to ass approval of an auditor agreement to the agenda, seconded by Bob, approved by all in favor.

3. Minutes Approval:

Bob moved to approve the minutes from 9-10-18, seconded by Tom, approved by all in favor.

4. Select Board Pay Orders

Pay orders circulated, reviewed and signed.

5. Announcements /Correspondence:

Jim announced a program sponsored by the American Red Cross in conjunction with the *Londonderry* and *Weston Volunteer Fire Departments* that will provide and install free smoke detectors in the homes of residents of the two towns, stating that interested residents can contain their local fire department. **Jim** asked that the program notice be posted to the Town website.

6. Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Energy Amendment to the Town Plan

Jim opened the public hearing at 7:09 PM. Sharon provided an overview of the approval process for the amendment. **Bob Borella** provided a detailed summary of the plan.

Robert stated that an approved energy plan was important because it provided the Town with a mechanism to establish standing in regulatory approval process for energy projects which they would not otherwise have. **Denis Pinkernell** stated that standing would be afforded only if the plan was consistent with regional and State plans. **Sharon** provided additional clarifications of plan language. **Taylor** stated that the Select Board had confidence in the Planning Commission's work and decisions on the plan.

Approval of the plan was moved to the October 1, 2018 Select Board meeting to allow the Board to conduct a final review of the proposal.

Sharon stated that moving the approval vote to October 1, 2018 was consistent with the timeframe requirements for approval.

Bob thanked the Energy Committee for their work, effort and time.

Sharon stated that she hoped the adopted plan would allow the Town to assert its standing.

No public comment was heard on the amendment. The public hearing was closed at 7:22 PM.

Discussion followed about the importance of the Energy Committee being consulted and providing input on new, proposed energy projects.

7. Visitors and Concerned Citizens

RT Brown and **Jennifer Stromsten** from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) provided an overview of the initiatives of BDCC and SeVEDS and distributed literature explaining the organization's work. A discussion followed concerning the work of the organization as it related to the Town of Londonderry.

Maryann Lawrence from *The Collaborative* described the organization's substance abuse program targeting student athletes. She asked if the Town would like to sign on in support of the program. Discussion followed about the town and/or individual Board members signing in support of the program. **Jim** suggested that the issue of support for the program be tabled until next meeting.

8. Town Officials Business

Sandra Clark was not in attendance. **Robert** stated that he would speak with Sandra and determine what she needed from the Board.

Robert provided an update on the derelict buildings on Middletown Road stating that one has been taken down and demolition has begun on the seconded. He stated further that both property owners have provided written commitment dates to have the buildings down and the sites cleaned up.

Robert also provided a summary of recent zoning enforcement efforts, stating that 31 issues of zoning non-compliance have been rectified or are in the process of being rectified, through negotiation with landowners, adding all of the issues were resolved without the necessity of going to the Environmental Court.

9. Transfer Station

Robert stated that there have been no bids received on the old backhoe.

Tom stated that the new backhoe is ready to go.

10. Roads and Bridges

Jim moved to approved a temporary access permit for logging activity, seconded by Tom, approved by all in favor.

Jim stated that Josh, the new road crew employee started work today and that they are still awaiting completing of paving projects by the contractor, *Fuller Sand & Gravel*.

Bob stated that he is working on getting pricing for concrete dividers for the sand and salt shed and will work with Jim and Mathew to determine the best options.

Jim stated that they need to get salt in the shed in order to be ready for winter weather.

Jim stated that there is just \$1,200 left in the sand and salt shed project fund and the Board will need to locate additional budget sources for the necessary expenditures.

11. Old Business

None

12. New Business

None

13. Adjourn

Taylor moved to adjourn at 8:29 PM, seconded by Tom, approved by all in favor.

Approval Signatures: