

Town of Londonderry, Vermont
Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 20, 2020
Meeting held remotely via online video with no physical presence

Board Members Present: Georgianne Mora, Taylor Prouty, and James Fleming (via telephone).

Board Members Absent: Thomas Cavanagh and Vincent Annunziata

Others in Attendance: Town Officials – Town Administrator Shane O’Keefe and Road Foreman Josh Dryden. Others – Jeremy Peters.

1. Call meeting to order

Selectboard Chair George Mora called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.

She noted that the Board is continuing to follow the Governor’s guidance and the meeting is being conducted remotely via Zoom software. Each of the Board members then vocally identified themselves.

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda

O’Keefe mentioned that the Town Attorney had asked for Board authorization to conduct research for the parks Board.

George Mora moved to add item 3.b to the New Business section of the agenda, authorization for the Town Attorney to do some work for the Parks Board, seconded by Jim Fleming, passed unanimously.

3. New Business

a. Executive Session – The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee per 1 V.S.A. 313 (a)(3)

Taylor Prouty moved to enter executive session to consider the hiring of a Town employee, pursuant to Title 1 V.S.A. Section 313(a)(3), with Road Foreman Josh Dryden and Jeremy Peters in attendance, seconded by George Mora, passed unanimously.

The Board entered in executive session at 4:34 PM, and Peters left the executive session at 4:58 PM, at which time O’Keefe was invited to attend. The Board came out of executive session at 5:16 PM.

Taylor Prouty moved to hire Jeremy Peters to a full-time Road Crew position at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, to be increased to \$21.00 upon successful completion of getting his Commercial Driver License, and his employment would start as soon as he is available, seconded by Jim Fleming, passed unanimously.

Dryden will call Peters to inform him of the Board’s decision, and O’Keefe will follow up with a written notification. Dryden left the meeting at 5:18 PM.

b. Authorize Town Attorney to conduct research for the Parks Board

O’Keefe noted that the State-funded Water and Wastewater project related to the two villages was moving along, and one of the possible solutions for a potential community wastewater system in the north village involves Pingree Park. He noted that Sharon Crossman and he had contacted Parks Board member Kelly Pajala to make sure that that Board was notified of this matter early on in the process. He reported that the Parks Board has noted that there may be a deed restriction that could affect that use and the Board would like to have the Town Attorney research this. The Town Attorney asked O’Keefe to seek permission from the Selectboard to conduct this research, as it is his preference to have authorization for commission and committee initiatives. O’Keefe agreed that it was a good idea to do this research before spending additional engineering efforts on the Park as a possible solution.

Taylor Prouty moved to authorize the Town Attorney to conduct research at the request of the Parks Board pertaining to Pingree Park deed restrictions, seconded by George Mora, passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

a. Platt Elevation Project – Consider proposals for construction engineering/oversight

O’Keefe updated the Board on this matter, noting that payment has still not been made by the property owner to the former project surveyor, so there is no proposal yet from the project engineer, Beck Engineering. He asked that the Board hold off on this matter until the next regular meeting and if there is no progress with Beck Engineering that the Board consider accepting a proposal from one of the other engineers.

He said that the construction contract would not go forward for signature until the construction engineering matter was settled. The Board members were amenable to holding off on this.

5. Adjourn

Jim Fleming moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Taylor Prouty, passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM. The next regular meeting of the Selectboard is scheduled for December 7, 2020.

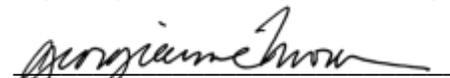
Respectfully Submitted,



Shane P. O’Keefe
Town Administrator

Approved December 7, 2020.

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Georgianne Mora, Chair