

SELECTBOARD MEETING

Minutes

JANUARY 2, 2017

- I. OPEN MEETING – The January 2, 2017 Selectboard meeting opened at 5:57PM. Those present: Gregory Noyes, Vernon Crawford, Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, April Busfield, Brian Bissonnette, Frank Sawicki.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Gregory and seconded by Vernon the December 19, 2016 Selectboard meeting minutes were approved.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA -
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - Frank Sawicki was present to observe the meeting process.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –

Richard reported that they have been really busy with the recent storms. Brian is working out real well. Bruce Owen will be clearing sidewalks tomorrow. Richard will move snow in Beecher Falls as well. Richard stated there is an individual in Beecher Falls who has a large snow blower on the back of a tractor and he is blowing all the snow he is clearing into the roadway on Hall Stream and River Roads. Gregory will speak to the individual about this.

 1. Todd Hill Complaint – Richard will talk to Joe Daley about this.
 2. Letter to AOT – Traffic Operations – Gregory composed a letter to Amy Gamble with regard to her response on the request to lower the speed limit entering the village of Beecher Falls on VT RTE 253. The board members signed the letter and Noreen will send to her and copies to Doug Morton and Dale Perron.
- VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT-
 1. Wastewater training course – Board asked Brian if this was something he was willing to do. Brian stated that he would be very interested in taking the course. On a motion by Gregory and seconded by Vern the board approved the cost of the course plus the text books and mileage.
 2. Sewer Charges to school building on Kingsley Rd. – The board read the request letter from Chris Masson on behalf of the Canaan School District regarding the reduction of the sewer charges from a multi-family structure to a single family structure for the house that the Canaan School District owns on Kingsley. Noreen explained that the Canaan Fire District #1 Prudential Committee approved the reduction for the water charges at their last monthly meeting on December 21st, 2016. On a motion by Gregory

and seconded by Vernon the board approved the reduction which will bring the quarterly sewer charges from \$285.00 per quarter to \$95.00 per quarter.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. CONTAINER REPAIRS - Chris Peterson will repair the container for \$1,250.00 and he estimated that it will take him 2 weeks to complete the repairs. A substitute container will be brought in by JK Lynch Disposal and they will deliver and return the one that is to be repaired.
2. It was brought to the attention of the Selectboard that a recently demolished house in Stewartstown was brought to a property in Canaan for disposal. As the disposal rules in Vermont are very strict a letter from the board will be sent to the property owner assuring that all permits and laws are being followed with this action.
3. Gregory stated that the town will need to update its SWIP Plan this year. He will start working on it.
4. Gregory will contact Mia with the state to see about getting an exemption from the composting rule due to take effect in 2020. Unless the State can guide us with a viable solution to disposal of town composting the board doesn't see how this process is going to work in Canaan.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – No action

IX. OLD BUSINESS -

1. Budgets – Capital Reserve account – Noreen explained the recommendation from VLCT with regard to setting up and funding the Capital Reserve accounts. The board will add the necessary Article to the Town Meeting Warning to satisfy the process.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In: Motion: Vernon Second: Gregory Action: Personnel Time: 6:41PM
Out: Motion: Gregory Second: Vernon Action: Board approved increasing
Brian's time to 40 hours/wk. but no less than 32 ½ hours if/when work slows down. Time:
7:18PM

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT – \$524.05 and \$25,599.68.

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Gregory the January 2, 2017 Selectboard meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.