

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 16, 2017

- I. OPEN MEETING – The January 16, 2017 Selectboard meeting opened at 6:05 PM. Those present: Vernon Crawford, Gregory Noyes, Haven Haynes, Jr., Noreen Labrecque, April Busfield, Kevin McKinnon, Frank Sawicki, Jeff Noyes.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Gregory and seconded Vern the January 2, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA –Dispatch meeting, Police budget
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - Frank Sawicki representing the Heart and Soul committee was in to get board approval for some ideas the Heart and Soul Committee would like to see for Town meeting.
 1. Have the church group sing the National Anthem at the beginning of the meeting
 2. Close the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Create a condensed version of Robert’s Rules to hand out to all voters.
 4. Do a head count of attendeesThe Heart and Soul Committee would also like to advertise the dinner before the Town meeting and have the Key Club offer babysitting during the meeting. They are hoping this will encourage better attendance.
Frank asked if the Heart and Soul could have a display table in the gym for the Town meeting. The board asked Noreen to check with VLCT to see if there is any rules prohibiting this.
The board had no problem with any of these suggestions but stated that the Moderator should be informed of these changes.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –
 1. Amy – VT AOT review speed limit – Gregory spoke to Amy Gamble with VT AOT about the response for the request the Board sent to her. She said they would do a new engineering study on the situation.
 2. Stop sign – River Road –Richard has ordered one.
 3. Better Back Roads grant - mtg. Feb 6, 2017 – Haven will attend with Richard.
 4. Highway mileage certification – No changes in mileage. Board signed.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT-

1. Kevin McKinnon – Kevin was in to let the board know that he is available for emergencies and extra help for April if needed. He stated that he is not looking for steady work by any means but he does have Wastewater Operator Certification in NH and would like to keep it up and this would allow that. He would apply for reciprocity for his VT Certification if the board is interested. He stated that he also has certifications in other aspects of town entities such as highway and transfer station. The board expressed interest in Kevin's proposal. April stated that the budget has already allowed for a third person and since Shannon quit. The board will discuss further and get back to Kevin.
2. Noreen received the monthly septage report and check from Jon Bolens and questioned the 2000 gallons from the Canaan Border Station since they are already hooked into the town system. She called Jon to inquire and he said it was to unplug lines from their Car Wash and Dog wash stations. There were questions on the drainage of this portion of the facility. April will contact the maintenance dept. at the Border Station to inquire about this.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Demolition disposal – The board signed letters to the parties involved.
2. Water issue at Transfer Station – Gregory explained water is running into the Recycling building so in the spring this needs to be addressed.
3. Sign Quarterly payment to State – Vern signed as Chairman.
4. Greg stated that he received a call from Dan Lynch about falling at the Transfer Station. More sand needs to be put down.
5. Greg has downloaded a bunch of info regarding composting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. North Country Community Center – donation – Greg received a call from Don Tase who asked if the town would be willing to make a donation to the North Country Community Center. No action was taken on this.
2. Community Heart and Soul - \$2000 on Warrant – On a motion by Gregory and seconded by Vernon the board approved adding this request to the Town Warning again this year.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Budget – Police, Transfer Station – Board will meet on Thursday morning at 9:30AM to discuss and review the budget before the Town Report goes to print.
2. Reminder – NH Bridge Pre-construction meeting at St Alberts Church – January 19, 2017 at 10:30AM

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Vern gave a report on the Dispatch meeting that took place on January 12th in Columbia. A short discussion took place.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – no action

In: Motion:	Second:	Action:	Time:
Out: Motion:	Second:	Action:	Time:

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT – \$91,378.41

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Haven the January 16, 2017 Selectboard meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.