

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 29, 2018

- I. OPEN MEETING – The January 29, 2018 Selectboard Meeting was opened at 6:00PM by Chairman Gregory Noyes. Those present: Gregory Noyes, Frank Sawicki, Jr., Haven Haynes, Jr., Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault. Members from the public: Kyle Daley, Eugene Reid, Laurent Giroux, Karen Conroy, Joe Allen.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the January 15, 2018 Selectboard meeting minutes were approved.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Review Town Report. Board members will review the Town Report at their convenience before the end of the day on Friday, February 2nd.
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS -
 1. Kyle Daley was in to address the concerns that the Selectboard had in the letter sent to the Canaan Border Riders. He explained that the Border Riders did close the trails into town from both sides (VT RTE 102 & Ethan Allen Park) on the day in question and had them closed for a period of 36 hours. He stated that if there are continued problems with snowmobilers using private property as access he would recommend having the Canaan Police Chief issue tickets. He added that VAST does have funds for policing and they do have a contract with the Essex County Sheriff's Dept. Haven asked that it would be nice to have a meeting with the Club before the season opens so any concerns can be addressed then.
 2. Eugene Reid – Eugene Reid, Karen Conroy and Laurent Giroux were in to discuss the purchase of the School House at 6487 VT RTE 102. Eugene wanted it understood that he had no part in the selling or purchase price of the property. He stated that it would be a conflict of interest on his part. Laurent Giroux explained that it was the School Board's decision to sell the property while they had a buyer. The board received an offer and it was decided by the board at the next meeting that since the education portion of the construction had been met it was a good opportunity to get it back on the tax rolls. They did get an estimated assessment from a local realtor for the price. All agreed that the building trades program is a good program and it was suggested that the turnaround time to get these rehab houses back on the tax rolls should be shortened and the sale should be advertised to the general public.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY

1. Treatment Plant Road – repaving – The Selectboard discussed the paving of the Treatment Plant road. The board received a quote last summer and the board assumed there would be an increase with the price of oil increasing. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank, the board agreed to have the Highway and Sewer Departments share the cost of the paving for this project.
2. Backhoe – Richard explained that the Backhoe failed at 5:00AM one morning. The bucket wouldn't work. He called John Deere and they came up and repaired it. Richard was able to use the pay loader from Cunningham's while the backhoe was out of commission. The board will be researching any grant funds that may be available for the purchase of a new backhoe.
3. Decision on Truck – Prior to the opening of the meeting the board met with Jim Belknap to inspect the truck he has for sale. The board was very impressed with the truck and Richard spoke to the salesman who sold the truck to Jim and he advised that this truck, for the asking price of \$68,000 would be a very good purchase for the town. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board approved the purchase of the 2016 F 550 with plow and wing and remainder of the factory warranty for the price of \$68,000.00 to replace the 2011 Ford Truck now owned by the Town. The board will advertise to sell the 2011 Truck.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – No action

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Stop sign at Transfer Station – Haven stated that he almost got t-boned by an individual coming up from behind the Transfer Station so he suggested a Stop sign be placed at that location. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board approved the purchase of a stop sign for that location.
2. Greg suggested that the board go down to the Transfer Station next week to review the placement of the 40 foot container. The board will meet on February 5th at 5:00PM down at the Transfer Station.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Contract with NEKTI – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board approved and Chairman Gregory Noyes signed the contract with NEKTI for a period of Jan 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018.
2. Sign Liquor license for Quechee Farms – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board signed and approved the liquor license for Quechee Farms.
3. The board reviewed the Resolution and Warning for the Bond vote for the Treatment plant upgrades (Grinding System and Telemetry System). The vote to take place on March 6, 2018 and an informational meeting on February 26th 2018 at 5:30PM. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board signed the necessary documents.
4. At the last board meeting the Engineering firm of Tata and Howard left an Amendment to Engineering Agreement with the board to review. The board reviewed and on a

motion by Haven and seconded Frank the board approved and Chairman Gregory Noyes signed the Agreement.

5. Gregory received a letter asking the Town to become a member of the Vermont Council on Rural Development. The board agreed this would be worthwhile organization by become part of. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board agreed on the \$150 membership fee.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Policies & Ordinances – The board will meet on February 5th at 5:00PM to work on these.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Sign and approve Warning for Town Meeting – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board reviewed, approved and signed the Warning for the Town meeting.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT – \$ 28,676.60.

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING – Chairman Gregory Noyes adjourned the meeting at 7:35PM.