

Brighton Selectboard & Planning Commission Meeting Minutes June 28, 2017

Minutes of the special Selectboard and Planning Commission meeting held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 5:00 in the Town Hall in Island Pond, for the purpose of selecting a consultant for the Better Connections grant.

Present were Doug Niles, Jim Cross, Jon O'Keefe, Mark Biron, Bill Hawkins, Stephanie Nagle, Michael Strait, Jackie Cassino (State of Vermont VTrans), Walter Driscoll, and Joel Cope.

Doug Niles called the meeting to order on behalf of the Selectboard and Bill Hawkins called the meeting to order on behalf of the Planning Commission.

There were several updates to the agenda: UTG Fire Contract, Henshaw Road project, Cultural Facilities grant, platform lift and ADA compliance.

The group reviewed the three proposals for the consultant work—GPI, Landworks, and SE. After much discussion, the group agreed that Landworks was the best choice for the town, though all were good proposals.

UTG Emergency Services Contract: Walt Driscoll attended to ask the Selectboard to propose a three-year contract for emergency services with the UTG, with a 3% increase each year. The board approved this request.

Henshaw Road: The board decided against taking on the maintenance responsibilities for a section of Henshaw Road that the Conte Refuge had proposed as a potential benefit for tourism in the region. The reason is that the extent of maintenance on that section could be more of a problem for the town road crew than the benefit we might get.

Cultural Facilities Grant: The board approved application for a Vermont Cultural Facilities grant for a portable stage, an assistive listening system and a digital projector for use in the gym. The Assistive Listening System is needed for the building to comply with the ADA, and the projector can be used for presentations and possibly movies in the gym.

Platform Lift: Although the town has been offered a used lift in very good condition with a warranty, there is a similar lift available brand new for about the same price, and a new lift identical to the used lift being offered is only about \$4,000 more than the used lift. The used lift is only available on a first-come, first served basis. The board will look at the options and make a decision.

Once the lift is installed and the second floor is ADA accessible, NEKLS will have to move from the basement to the vacant office on the second floor, since the basement will only be able to be used for storage and non-public uses because there is no interior accessible route between floors in active use.