

SELECTBOARD RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2012

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Mike Worth, James Webb, Ray Fontaine, William Hawkins, Joel Cope and Teresa Potwin.

Chairperson, Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: The board decided to postpone approving the minutes of the previous meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 20, 2012.

Public Comment: The board was presented a letter from The Brighton Baptist Church requesting permission for use of the gym on April 6, 2012 for a function. The board granted permission for this request.

Joel presented an anonymous letter written to the board pertaining to trash that has been left beside the road at the bottom of Newark Road and the junction of 114. The board believes this is an oversight of the property owner, for the fact that Myers Rubbish Removal is only scheduled to run this route every two weeks in the winter instead of every single week. Joel will contact the property owner in question on this issue to try to get this resolved.

Buildings and maintenance: Joel met with the architect in Montpelier about the town hall project. The architect has suggested that a construction management plan is the best way to proceed with this project. Joel also updated our newly elected board member on this project and explained to the board that he would have to contact USDA and VCDP to get clearance before the town can proceed with a construction management plan.

Roads: The board decided to contact the road foreman about attending meetings to update the board on projects that are being worked on. Joel mentioned to the board that he had received the annual letter on marking lines. Our town is done on odd years, so we should not see anything done in 2012. James Webb suggested contacting Mark about when the back roads should be posted; as the weather has been oddly warm this year, James feels that maybe these should be posted earlier.

Personnel: It is town policy to pay our volunteer fire department for time at a fire over 4 hours. The fire on Lakeshore Drive on Monday was a result of this. The board decided to pay them at the same rate as William Hawkins. Teresa informed the board that she has appointed two assistant clerks and assistant treasurers, each working 12 hours per week, which saves the town money, as benefits will not be paid to either of them for the fact that they do not work 24 hours. Muriel Leonard and Lisa Moore will each work 2 days each.

Set date, times and places of regular selectman's meeting: A motion was made by James Webb to set the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the select board room in the town hall to hold their regular meetings. Mike Worth seconded this all in favor, so carried.

Name newspaper of record: A motion was made by Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux to make the Caledonian the paper of record. Mike Worth seconded this all in favor, so carried.

Set rates for town equipment: This will be done at the next meeting.

Appoint town officers: A motion was made by James Webb to appoint the following people to the listed positions, seconded by Mike Worth, all in favor, so carried:

Fence viewer: Select board

Pound Keeper: Katherine Maxwell

Inspector of wood, lumber and shingles: Ray Fontaine

Weigher of coal: Ray Fontaine

Tree warden: Pierre Dupuis

Animal Control Officer: Bruce Rolfe

Chair of the select board: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux

Appoint sewer board member: James Webb motioned to appoint Terry Blake as sewer board member. Mike Worth seconded this all in favor, so carried.

Appoint Town Service Officer: James Webb motioned to appoint Lydia McMillan as Town Service Officer. Seconded by Mike Worth, all in favor so carried.

Appoint Constable: Tabled.

Development Review Board Appointment: Marilyn Maxwell has resigned as secretary for the DRB. At this time, the board has not found a replacement for her.

Administrative Report: Joel reported on the projects he had been working on (town hall project, pc and zoning, town meeting preparation, bond vote, website, etc.) and those he would continue to work on.

VCDP Resolution: A motion was made by James Webb to adopt and sign the VCDP resolution and to authorize Joel to sign the resolution as well. Mike Worth seconded this all in favor, so carried.

DisasterLan: Joel presented a letter explaining that DisasterLan was a system used for the management and coordination of an emergency or disaster response and that they were holding a training of this system. The board felt that this was not necessary for the town officials to attend.

Recycling Center re-certification: A motions was made by James Webb to sign the re-certification document as printed for the recycle center. Mike Worth seconded this. All in favor so carried.

Other business: The NVDA wanted feedback from the board as to a date and time for a public informational meeting on the closing of the road by Pratt's farm to replace the temporary bridge with a permanent bridge that had been washed out during Hurricane Irene. The board stated that April 9th and 6:00 PM would be the best time.

Joel informed the board he had received information on the wind tower project on Dan Ouimette's land and gave each board member a copy to review.

Joel handed out the sewer ordinance and stated that it really should be updated.

The board discussed the policy on the use of the gym briefly and will continue to discuss this matter at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.