

# SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

## JANUARY 7, 2014

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Jim Webb, Michael Worth, Peder Pederson, Bill Hawkins, Mark Castonguay, Jeanne Gervais, Joel Cope and Teresa Potwin.

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

Previous minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the December 26, 2013 meeting. A motion was made by Mike Worth to approve the minutes as printed. Jim Webb seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: Jeanne Gervais and Bill Hawkins, on behalf of the Planning Commission; and Peder Pederson, on behalf of the DRB, were present to recommend Gerald Goupee for zoning administrator to the select board.

Buildings and maintenance: The town hall heating system discussion was tabled.

The board reviewed a letter written to Probate Court about a rent increase. A motion was made by Mike Worth to sign and deliver the letter as printed. Jim Webb seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Roads: Joel informed the board of an upcoming meeting being put on by NVDA about the new laws and regulations on storm water permitting for town highways. This meeting will be on January 13, 2014 from 1-3 in Newport. Weather permitting; Mark and Joel will attend this meeting.

The storm water mapping project people called on the status of this project. Mark and Marty have gone over this once, but Marty wanted to look at in one more time. Joel will contact Marty about proceeding with this.

A motion was made by Mike Worth to sign the codes and standards certification of compliance for town road and bridge standards letter. Jim Webb seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Mark informed the board that Gray's paving will credit \$200.00 for the Back Street repair done by Brown's.

Personnel: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux made a motion to nominate Gerald Goupee as zoning administrator. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The board reviewed the library wage information to see if John Zuppa was close to the average wage.

Joel asked the board to think about letting the employees use some of their accrued sick pay for an exercise regimen. (Example: Letting the employees work out for ½ hour to an

hour during their 8 hour shift and getting paid for this by using their accumulated sick time.) The board will think about it and discuss it when the personnel policy is worked on.

Loan authorization: A motion was made by Jim Webb to sign the loan authorization for \$118,000.00 to cover the end of the year expenses in lieu of Delinquent taxes and incoming grant re-imbursements. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

DAV request for coin drop: A motion was made by Jim Webb to allow the DAV to hold their annual coin drop on August 2, 2014. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

RR passenger service update: Joel informed the board that at this time, the state has yet to send any letter of support for this project or do as they said they would, so Joel asked if the select board would either call or write a letter asking if they were going to comply. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux said she would give them a call.

Lyndon Rescue Contract Addendum: A motion was made by Jim Webb to sign the Lyndon Rescue Contract Addendum. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: The select board has changed Joel's title from Administrative Assistant to Town Administrator.

The board scheduled a budget session on Jan 21 at 5 PM before their regular meeting at 6:00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.