

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2014

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Jim Webb, Mike Worth, Bill Hawkins, Dave Page, Neil Morrissette, Joel Cope, Teresa Potwin, Mark Castonguay, Jenn Hanlon and Marshall Frizzell.

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

Public comment: Neil Morrissette from Creative Workforce Solutions was present to discuss the Jay Peak hiring fair. This will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 2:30-4:30 in the gym. Mr. Morrissette also explained to the board that he is working with Go Vermont to car pool workers to such places as Jay Peak, as transportation for people is an issue. Mr. Morrissette explained that the goal of his company was to not only employ people, but make transportation easier as well as being able to educate people, whom are not/or have never been in the workforce on exactly what having an employer entails.

David Page, on behalf of the Brighton Snowmobile Club was present to ask the board's permission to open the same roads as last year to snowmobilers. (See attached list for roads). A motion was made by Mike Worth to open the streets listed. Jim Webb seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Buildings and maintenance: Joel sent the board an e-mail on an upcoming workshop on pellet stoves, in case they would like to attend as an option for the town hall heating system.

Roads: Marty and Mark have gone over the storm water mapping project a second time. In the spring, Jim Pease, who works for the project informed Joel that they want the town to check the outfalls of our storm drains and some of the culverts.

A motion was made by Jim Webb to sign the highway mileage certificate, with no mileage changes recorded. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Personnel: Tabled.

Water bond re-financing authorization: The town is paying off a bond which they received in 2005 for the water project. At this time, the bond bank has given the town the opportunity to re-finance; saving the town about \$16,000 by reducing the debt service. A motion was made by Jim Webb to sign the municipality certificate as the municipal bonds to proceed with the re-financing. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Sign Bank Lease: Community National Bank has returned the 5-year lease with the rent increase for the select board to sign. A motion was made by Mike worth to sign the lease; Jim Webb seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Approve Marshall-Swift Agreement: The Marshall Swift Agreement is for software for our liters. A motion was made by Jim Webb to sign the agreement. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Pay orders: The board signed the General Pay Order for \$61,273.29 and the Road Pay Order for \$1,663.11.

Budget: The board discussed the budget earlier. Melinda had just mentioned to make sure that the money was put in the budget to fix the drainage on Railroad Street.

2014 Warning: The board reviewed the first draft of the 2014 warning for town meeting. The board has decided to delete item #10 on the warning which states: "Will the voters authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts, grants or other income and to make use of such income at their discretion on behalf of the Town?"

Other business: Marshall Frizzell was present to update the board on the pump station at the REM building. Marty informed the board that the pump station is working fine now; the power had been shut off to the hydromantic pumps. His suggestion is to keep an eye on it for now, and eventually the two hydromantic pumps will need to be replaced.

Joel mentioned to the board that Passumpsic Savings Bank has asked to put a light up by the drive thru under the canopy, at their cost.

Joel informed the board that the final public hearing on the VCDP Grant will be on January 29, 2014 at 6:00 PM; this is required to close out the grant. Joel will attend.

Jenn Hanlon asked the board if they had any statements, thoughts or comments on Mr. Ouimette closing his land. The board said they had none.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.