

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 5, 2014

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Mike Worth, Jim Cross, Bill Hawkins, Mark Castonguay, Joel Cope and Teresa Potwin.

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

Appoint Chairperson: A motion was made by Mike Worth to appoint Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux as chairperson for the select board. Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the February 18, 2014 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mike Worth to accept the minutes as printed. Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: None.

Buildings and maintenance: Joel informed the board that Walt Driscoll placed five thermometers in different places within the fire station. Closer to the outside doors the temperature was around 47 degrees; more towards the center and back of the building it was around 60 degrees. Walt will turn the heat down to about 55 degrees and then see what happens.

Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux asked about grant money for re-locating the stage in the gym. Joel explained he has requested a proposal from architect Jay Ancel for a scope of work and costs for designing the stage move and for looking into an inside elevator going from the basement to the third floor.

Roads: Joel informed the board that the state was looking for information on which class 2 roads were being paved this year to schedule center line painting.

Joel informed the board that he had contacted Jeff about talking to the Church Group about pushing snow into the road. Joel has not heard back from Jeff at this time.

Melinda would like Joel to write a letter to the state about the condition of the roads here in the Northeast Kingdom, asking them their plans to repair them.

Personnel: Nothing.

Set date, time and places of regular select board's meetings: A motion was made by Mike Worth to set the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall as the date, time and place to hold the regular select board's meetings. Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Name newspaper of record: A motion was made by Mike Worth to name the Caledonian Record as newspaper of record. Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Set rates for town equipment: A motion was made by Mike Worth to set the following rates for town equipment:

- Backhoe: \$75.00 per hour.
- Front-end Loader: \$85.00 per hour
 - Truck: \$55.00 per hour
 - Grader: \$90.00 per hour
- Sidewalk tractor: 455.00 per hour

Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Appoint town officers: A motion was made by Jim Cross to appoint the following as town officers:

- Fence viewer: The select board
- Pound Keeper: Bruce Rolfe
- Inspector of wood, lumber and shingles: Ray Fontaine
 - Weigher of coal: Ray Fontaine
 - Tree Warden: Pierre Dupuis
- Animal Control Officer: Bruce Rolfe
- Town Service Officer: Pam Arborio

Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Appoint Town Service Officer: Done under above item.

Appoint Constable: Tabled.

Appoint to the DRB: A motion was made by Mike Worth to appoint Mike Clarke to the DRB with a term starting March 5, 2014. Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Park Benches: The planning commission has suggested three different granite benches to put along the park path. The planning commission would like to purchase two of each type at a cost of about \$8000.00 for the six benches. The grant will pay for 80% of the cost. The select board says this would be fine, as we have already budgeted for the 20% match.

Wind letter: Joel gave the board a draft letter to support passage of S.201 and S. 292 for legislation regarding industrial wind to have the board look over and sign. A motion was made by Mike Worth to sign the letter of support; Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Administrative report: Tabled.

Personnel policy: Tabled.

Other business: Joel has sent out the application for a permit to destroy the geese nests and addle their eggs. The board will also look into removing the geese.

The board wants a couple signs put up; so snowmobilers will not go over the new sidewalk near the gazebo park. Mark will make these signs.

Joel showed the board a letter received from an anonymous resident about thanking James Worth for his years of service to the community.

Joel showed the board a proposal that was received from Utility Partners on the wastewater contract.

Joel presented the board with a copy of the transition plan on how to make the town hall handicapped accessible.

A motion was made by Jim Cross to authorize Joel as contact person and authorized agent for the USDA fire turnout gear grant. In order to obtain this grant a public hearing also needs to be held. This is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Also scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 5:00 PM is a meeting about emergency state funding with Alison Low from NVDA. Other towns will be invited to attend this meeting.

Joel showed the board a flyer on the upcoming State Government Municipal Day being held on Monday, March 31, 2014 in Montpelier. Joel and Melinda will attend for sure, maybe along with other town officers.

Joel presented the board with a flyer from Vermont Local Roads on upcoming events that should be attended by The Town of Brighton's road crew as well as emergency personnel.

Melinda would like to draw up maintenance plans for the Town Hall and Railroad Depot.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.