

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2014

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Mike Worth, James Cross, Ed Barber from Newport Daily Express, Kathleen Nelson, Mark Castonguay, Bill Hawkins, Joel Cope and Teresa Potwin.

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

Public Comment: Kathleen Nelson was present to let the board know that she has sent a letter to Geoff Commons asking to clarify the disposition of CPG concerning the MET towers. Kathy informed the board as soon as she has received a response she will inform the board.

Read and approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the July 1, 2014 meeting. A motion was made by Mike Worth to approve the minutes as printed. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Buildings and maintenance: A motion was made by James Cross to lock in with Nadeau's Heating and Plumbing for the 2014 fuel season at a price of \$3.339 a gallon. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Joel informed the board that the lease agreement for the Moise Woods Camp and Mr. Worth had not been finalized. Mr. Worth has no problem with signing the lease for \$800.00 per year, but wants the town to know that the camp is deteriorating; and wants to make sure that all are under the agreement that the tenant is not responsible for major repairs. The board agreed with this. Kathleen Nelson suggested maybe having the Conservation Corps look at the camp; as they may take this project on. Joel will contact them.

Melinda will contact Ray about the bank doors and when he will begin to re-finish them.

Melinda informed the other board members that Leonard Delabruere has fixed the Community National Bank sign.

Simplex has contacted Joel and wants to set up a time to come and look at the alarm system. Joel will inform the board when the time has been set.

The elevator in the Town Hall Building has been fixed.

Joel reminded the board that a spot with gravel next to at least three of the benches along the walk path still needed to be done. This is so a wheelchair can sit next to the benches. Joel informed the board that this needs to be done before the October 31, 2014 deadline to comply with the grant.

Mark will look at the washout on the walk path to see if he can come up with an idea on how to fix it.

Roads: The board reviewed the class 4 road policy and discussed some changes. Joel will make the changes to the policy and bring it before the board at the next meeting for them to approve.

Dave Antoine, who is a former employee of Vermont Local Roads has contacted Joel to inform him that he is willing to come and help the town work on the Better Back Roads Grant. Joel will contact Dave to set up a time to meet with the board to discuss pricing, etc.

Mark has informed the board that he has received a quote from Pike on the Middle Street project, but that Gray's paving has not returned his calls. The board has asked Mark to contact Gray's one more time and also contact Scott Keysar from the state to let him know what is going on and ask his opinion on going with Pike.

Mark has informed the board that a culvert should be changed on Middle Street by the Jon O'keefe residence during this project as well.

Kathy Nelson asked about putting in a bigger culvert on the Newark Road. Mark informed her that he will try to get to this as soon as he can.

Mark gave the board a quote to rip rap the ditching on Mose Wood Road to solve the problem that Charles Roth presented to the board. The board agreed this would be okay to do.

Mark informed the board of a beaver problem between Spec Pond and Brighton Pond. Mark has contacted the local trapper to come and resolve this problem.

Personnel: The board reviewed employee time sheets and will go into executive session at the end of the meeting to do employee reviews.

Audit questions: The board received a questionnaire from the CPA Auditor's to fill out. The board reviewed and answered the questions. A motion to accept the answers was made by James Cross. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Incident Command system training: Joel informed Melinda that she would have to go to fema.gov to do the training to get certified.

Perry lawsuit Interrogatories: The board will go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss this.

ISO report: Joel gave the board a copy of the ISO report to review. This report goes over many departments and rates the town for insurance rate purposes.

Budget report: Tabled until next meeting.

Unlicensed dogs: The town clerk gave the board the list of unlicensed dogs to review.

Pay orders: Tabled until the next meeting.

The Island: Joel informed the board that Tracy Zschau the director of Vermont Land Trust would like to meet with the board and discuss what the next step should be. Joel will contact Tracy to come up with a couple of dates and times.

Other business: Kathy Nelson asked how the town charter revisions were coming. Joel informed her that they have been diligently working on this.

Joel will contact the town attorney on the cemetery issue to see what he suggests. Also, Joel will contact Charles Roth to keep the communication open and let him know that we are working to resolve this issue.

Melinda informed the other members of the board that she will be attending the Norton select board meeting on August 12, 2014 as the passenger train will be part of the discussion.

Joel gave the board a copy of a letter from Seneca Mountain Wind stating that they will be ceasing any development in this area.

Joel showed the board a letter from the Board of Directors of Lyndon Rescue stating that they are trying to advance Lyndon Rescue's ambulance service license to the paramedic level.

The board adjourned its regularly scheduled meeting at 8:25 PM and went in to executive session at this time.