

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 7, 2014

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Mike Worth, James Cross, Bill Hawkins, Ray Fontaine, Mark Podgwaite and Teresa Potwin.

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

Public comment: Bill Hawkins informed the board that the bone builders have started up again and will be using the gym on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Read and approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the September 16 meeting. A motion was made by Mike Worth to accept the minutes as printed. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Buildings and maintenance: There has been no update on the status of the flagpole.

Discussion on VLCT PACIF survey recommendations was tabled.

The Vermont Telecommunications Authority wants to site an emergency cell station at the fire department, powered by solar panels that charge batteries that would be the power supply in an emergency. This would provide emergency cell phone service when all other lines are down. When the panels are not charging the batteries, the power will be net metered and go towards reducing the fire station electric bill. A motion for Joel to sign the agreement, pending the attorney's review was made by Mike Worth. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

A motion was made by Mike Worth to have Joel insure the park benches. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried. Also, the board spoke with Ray about marking them so that when the snow falls, snowmobilers will know that they are still there.

Bill Hawkins informed the board that David Stevens has contacted him about using the gym on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Bill told the board that Mr. Stevens is supposed to give a check for \$50.00 to the Town Clerk.

Melinda informed the other board members about an issue on renters on the second floor of the Depot building, and not having enough fire exits. This will be looked into further at a later date.

Roads: Dave Antone was not able to attend, but would like to do a two hour presentation of his findings on either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of next week. (10/14, 10/15, or 10/16). The board will check scheduling and contact Joel to set up a date.

A list of all the streetlights in town was given to the board. A motion to have the select board chair sign the letter from Efficiency Vermont was made by Mike Worth. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried. This letter does not commit us financially, it just says we agree to work with Efficiency Vermont to upgrade our streetlights.

NEMRC will meet with Alan Wing next week to work on correcting street names and making them consistent in our E911 list and the Grand List.

Personnel: The board reviewed employee time sheets.

Lyndon Rescue: Mark Podgwaite was present to discuss the problem of not having enough personnel in town, such that they have to pay full time wages to people from Lyndonville to work here, rather than paying people in town an on-call wage. This adding to our costs significantly, if this cannot be resolved. The board has suggested having an article written in the paper. The board will have Joel contact Jenn Hanlon to see if she would mind writing an article about this. Also, the board will have Joel contact The Charleston select board on maybe Lyndon Rescue covering part of their town, instead of Derby. Mr. Podgwaite also said that he would be willing, at Lyndon Rescue's cost, to mail a letter to all residents in town about the situation.

Cemetery: No updates on the cemetery issue.

Unlicensed dogs: The town clerk updated the board on the unlicensed dogs issue.

Vt. Greenways Council Membership: Tabled.

The Island: The board will go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the updates.

Support letter: A motion was made by Mike Worth to validate Joel signing the letter of support for Island Pond Community Services. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: The rail action meeting in St. Albans will be on November 13, 2014.

The board was informed that Vince Illuzzi is looking for office space for the Restorative Justice Program.

The board was informed that Maine's Governor sent a letter of support for the train project.

Voting delegate at VLCT Annual meeting: A motion was made by Mike Worth to elect Joel as voting delegate. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

At this time a motion was made by Mike Worth to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session to discuss the status of the Island. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.