

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2015

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

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

Update Agenda: Two items were added to the agenda, which are: appoint Cemetery Commissioner and cemetery contractor insurance.

Public comment: Bill Hawkins informed the board that the church group is going to be using the gym on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM for volleyball.

Read and approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the March 4, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Doug Niles to approve the minutes as printed. Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Buildings and maintenance: Joel informed the board that there were no updates on the VLCT PACIF safety survey.

The board was informed that the elevator was broken again.

Round Hill Fence and Security has started to work on the alarm system at the railroad depot.

Joel informed the board that he has had Ray contact a few contractors for quotes on the heating system in the town hall.

Roads: The board will hold a meeting on March 23, 2015 at 3:30 to open the bids for the Goupee Brook Culvert project.

Joel showed the board the culvert inventory book that Mark keeps, the information from which needs to be entered into the online culvert database program VOBCIT in order to receive the full portion of the grants we apply for. Mark and Joel will work on updating this.

Personnel: The board reviewed the time sheets.

The board attentively set Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 5:00 PM to start interviewing for the road crew position.

Lakeside Cemetery: The board reviewed a copy of cemetery practices.

A motion was made by Doug Niles that the town require contractors to at least have liability insurance before services are rendered. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

A motion was made by Doug Niles to appoint Roland Barney as cemetery commissioner. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Train Hotel: Joel informed the board of a meeting on board the Amtrak train which will go from New York to Montreal on April 13 and 14. The board was in agreement that maybe the Chamber of Commerce would benefit more than a member of town government going to this meeting. Joel will not attend.

Recycling Center: Joel informed the board that he has left messages with Austin's and Myers about leaving a dumpster at the recycle center for fast trash once the new recycling law goes into effect in July. This will be discussed more once we have more information.

Joel also informed the board that we probably would need new trash barrels in the park. We will look into pricing on these before committing.

Bicyclist mediation: The board will go into executive session at the end of the regular meeting to discuss strategy on this.

Pay orders: The board signed the road and general pay orders for March.

Liquor licenses: At this time the board adjourned their regularly scheduled select board meeting in order to open the liquor control meeting to sign renewals of local liquor licenses. The board signed the renewals, adjourned the liquor control meeting and returned to their regularly scheduled meeting.

Overweight truck permits: A motion was made by Doug Niles to allow Chairperson Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux to sign the overweight permits. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Joel informed the board that the water/sewer board will be attending the April 1, 2015 meeting to discuss the issues that may arise due to freezing water from a cold winter.

Joel informed the board of a meeting on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Gateway Center in Newport on the Public Safety Answering Point closing.

At 7:55 PM a motion was made by Doug Niles to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting and go into executive session to discuss the bicyclist mediation. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The board left executive session at 8:09. A motion was approved to have Melinda negotiate on the Town's behalf at the mediation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.