

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2015

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Doug Niles, James Cross, Mark Maghini, Pat Austin, Bill Hawkins, Ralph Wilkins, Mark Castonguay, Jeff Noyes, Roland Barney, Joel Cope, Teresa Potwin and Marty Frizzell.

Chairperson, Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Update Agenda: Joel added dog licenses and the elevator to the agenda.

Public comment: None

Read and approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the March 18 and March 30, 2015 meetings. A motion was made by Doug Niles to accept the minutes as printed. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Water-Sewer Board: Roland Barney, Ralph Wilkins and Marty Frizzell were present to discuss the situation that the town has had with frozen water this winter and if the situation prevails what plan of action would be put into place.

Marty explained to the board that the situation with frozen mains has caused the town to put into place a "water run" request. Because of this situation, the reservoirs are down on their levels.

The board discussed the worst case scenarios, and what would need to be done if the town ran out of water. Joel will make some phone calls, one to the Vermont Emergency Management board, also to Vermont Heritage about trucking water in, and also Tom Hanlon about setting up a plan of action if this scenario was to happen.

Recycling Center: Pat Austin was present to discuss the laws that would be placed in effect in July about recycling. Mr. Austin told the board about choices in which the town does have to handle this. The board will collect more information on this matter.

Buildings and maintenance: Austin's Rubbish has always been our Bulky Day contractor. A motion was made by Doug Niles to keep Austin's as the Bulky Day contractor. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Joel informed the board that the elevator was broken again. The board agreed that maybe it was time to look into replacing it instead of "bandaging" it up. Joel will ask about pricing.

Joel has been informed that the heating system in the town hall may not make it through another winter. Joel will contact contractors about which system is the most efficient and pricing.

Roads: The board along with Mark has decided that this year they would apply for the Better Back Roads Grant to fix the Stevens Loop road. This grant is due by May 15, 2015.

Personnel: The board reviewed the time sheets.

The board reviewed the job applications for the road crew position and will start interviewing either Monday, April 9 or Tuesday, April 10, 2015 depending on the availability of the candidates.

Conte Refuge Plan: Mark Maghini of the Conte Refuge was present to update the board on the comprehensive conservation planning that the refuge has been working on and when the plan would be in place.

Lakeside Cemetery: Joel updated the board on the Cemetery. The commissioners had their first meeting and decided that Roland Barney would be the Chair, and also informed Ira Daniels that in order for him to dig graves in the cemetery he would need to get liability insurance.

Other business: Joel informed the board that he would be going to a training on construction contracts on April 9, 2015.

The town clerk will get a list of unlicensed dogs to Jeff. Jeff will send out warnings and give the owner's two weeks to register them. If they do not comply in this time frame a ticket will be issued.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.