

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2016

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

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

Update Agenda: Joel informed the board of the following updates to the agenda; KAS Report, LRI contract, generator grant, and ERP grant.

Public Comment: None.

Read and approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the December 16, 2015 meeting and the minutes of the December 21, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Doug Niles to accept the minutes as printed, James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Buildings and maintenance: Joel showed the board a copy of a former building use policy that the town had in place. The board agreed that this was a good start and will continue to work on details for the policy.

A motion was made by Doug Niles to set the second Saturday of the months of May thru September as bulky day dates. Also included in this motion was the amendment that no roofing would be accepted at bulky day. James Cross seconds the motions, all in favor, so carried.

Doug Niles also informed the other board members that he has asked Ray for a key to the new lock on the front door.

Roads: A motion was made by Jim Cross to sign the annual certificate of highway mileage for the state. Doug Niles seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Personnel: The board reviewed employee timesheets.

Appoint Planning Commission member: Tabled.

UTG Fire Contract: The Brighton Fire Department will now cover a wider portion of Warren's Gore and Lewis, which means extra money from the UTG. The fire department will no longer be covering Norton, as Beecher Falls Fire Department will be. A contract was drawn up by the UTG and presented to the Brighton Select board. In reviewing the contract, the board agreed that they would rather have it read that it is only for one year instead of three years. Joel will contact the UTG with this change.

Updates: Joel wanted permission from the board to contact KAS stating that the board was satisfied with their report.

A motion was made by James Cross to sign the LRI contract (Lyndon Rescue). Doug Niles seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Joel informed the board that he will look for 3-5 specs from people for the generator grant so we can proceed and keep with the deadline for the application.

ERP grant will be done next year.

Budget report: The board reviewed the updated numbers for the 2015 budget and discussed the 2016 budget figures.

Other business: None.

A motion was made by Doug Niles to go into executive session at 7:15 PM to discuss and finalize the numbers for employee wages for the upcoming 2016 budget year.

The board came out of executive session at 7:40, and voted to pay half the cost of cell phone bills for Mark Castonguay, Ray Fontaine and Bill Hawkins, as all three employees use their private phones extensively for town business.