

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 16, 2016

Present: Douglas Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Ed Barber from the Newport Daily Express, Bill Hawkins, Mark Castonguay, Merrill Bent, Attorney for Dollar General LLC, and Teresa Potwin.

Chairperson, Douglas Niles called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update Agenda: The board updated the agenda to include; free meals lunch wagon, pay orders, stump dump, and gym.

James Cross told the rest of the board that the free meals lunch wagon is interested in coming here again this summer. James made a motion to allow the wagon to come here, Jonathan O'keefe seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The board reviewed and signed pay orders.

Bill Hawkins informed the board that the stump dump was clear of snow, and mentioned about opening it up soon for one day a week, which would be Saturdays from 10-2. A motion was made by Jim Cross to open the stump dump one day a week, as soon as Bill feels is time. Jonathan O'keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Bill Hawkins informed the board of upcoming events in the gym. The school would like to hold a concert in the gym on May 17th and 18th and asked if they could hang something from the ceiling to drop petals onto the crowd. The board feels that this may be a safety issue, and does not want anyone to hang stuff from the ceiling.

Doug mentioned to the other members of the board about re-doing the gym floor this summer, the board is looking into August, and will get more exact information on this.

Approve minutes of previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the March 2, 2016 meeting. Jonathan O'keefe asked if anyone had checked with Tom Hanlon to see if he still wanted to be emergency coordinator. The board would like Joel to check into this. A motion was made by James Cross to accept the minutes as printed. Jonathan O'keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: Jonathan O'Keefe mentioned to the other board members that Rick Hannux from the fire department would like to put a lock box on the outside of the Town Hall building and the school, with the fire department having the only access to the lock box with keys to enter these buildings in case of an emergency. The board will look into this more before making a final decision.

Buildings and maintenance: The board discussed the schedule of picking up the generator from the Town of Wilmington. The board was presented with a copy of the other things that would come along with the generator. The town clerk will contact the Town of Wilmington to see

when all the parts would be available and to also see if the Town of Wilmington would have the equipment to load the generator Mark when he goes down to pick it up.

Jonathan O'Keefe informed the board that he had been in contact with Jason Belknap and he and Jason along with Rick Hannux and Alan Magoon from the fire department went over and looked at the electrical box for the generator. Jason Belknap suggested having the state inspector do a load test on the electrical box to see what it could handle. A motion was made by James Cross to have the state inspector do a load test. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Roads: Jonathan O'keefe notified the other board members that Arthur John Road was in good shape for Vermont mud season

Mark informed the board that the electric company had been up on Gideon's Mill Road cutting brush.

Doug Niles informed the board that he had got a phone call on a culvert on Lakeshore Drive. When Doug went to look at it the water was quite high. Doug asked Mark if this culvert was still in good shape. Doug will return to look at this again and discuss whether or not it may need some work.

Personnel: Tabled.

Aldrich and Elliott agreement: A motion was made by James Cross to authorize Joel Cope to sign the agreement when the board is ready. Jonathan O'keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

NEKWD Charter amendments: The district wants to change the way the budget is voted on. At this time it is done by Australian ballot, and the district wants to change this to allow the supervisors of each district to vote on the budget instead. The board is ok with this change, as the town's still have a say because the towns are the ones who nominate the supervisors, and they will be able to tell the supervisors how they wish to vote on these issues.

Overweight permits: A motion was made by James Cross to allow the chairperson to sign the overweight permit. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Liquor license renewals/applications: Merrill Bent on behalf of the Dollar general was present to answer any questions or concerns about the Dollar General applying for a second class liquor license. The board had no questions or concerns. A motion was made by James Cross to sign the liquor license renewals and the application for the Dollar General. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.