

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 20,2016

Present: Doug Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Billy Hawkins, Mark Castonguay, Mike Strait, Jenn Hanlon, John Zuppa, Joel Cope, and Teresa DeBonville.

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

**Update Agenda:** None.

**Public Comment:** Mike Strait was present to inform the board that the run-off from Middle Street is washing out his driveway. Mark and the board will go look at the situation after the meeting and discuss a solution to this problem.

Jenn Hanlon requested that Mark put chloride down on Arthur John Road to eliminate some of the dust from the traffic. Mark stated that he was waiting for funding from Sweet Tree, per the agreement with them to help with maintenance to the road. As soon as we receive funding he will do this.

**IP Library request:** John Zuppa was present to request the hiring of Gloria Gaboriault for 10 hours per week. Gloria works there now through the Vermont Associates program, but this program will be ending on July 31, 2016. A motion was made by James Cross to hire Gloria Gaboriault as an employee after the termination of the Vermont Associates Program. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

**Chamber request:** Mike Strait, on behalf of the Chamber was present to ask permission to add a music performance on Market Day. This performance will be on Saturday, September 3, 2016 from 5-9. A motion was made by James Cross to allow this performance. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

**Buildings and maintenance:** The board discussed that the Legion has a building that they are using for storage at this time as a possibility of housing the generator. This would have to be inspected and discussed with the Legion board. Jonathan O'Keefe will also speak with Jason Belknap about the electrical. This will be discussed more.

Joel informed the board that he has found plans for building the backboard at the tennis courts and given them to Ray.

There has been no update on the fire danger meter on the fire station.

**Roads:** Doug Niles asked about work on Birch Street that was being done. Mark informed Doug that the crew had been digging out a plugged culvert. Doug was approached by a concerned citizen about this.

The road crew has taken care of Mr. Roth's issues.

Joel informed the board that the town has received the Better Back Roads Grants for the Head of the Pond Road and Arthur John Road Projects.

**Personnel:** Bill Hawkins asked the boards permission to close the recycle center at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 20, 2016 instead of 2:00 PM. The board said as long as there was ample notice of this, that they were fine with this.

Bill also informed the board that Jenna Koloski requested use of the gym on August 24, 2016 for the steering committee meeting. If the gym is unavailable, the AA room could be used.  
The personnel policy was tabled.

**E911 Policy:** Jenn Hanlon was present to discuss the E911 policy. After much discussion, A motion was made by James Cross to adopt the updated E911 policy with an addendum. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

**Set tax rate:** A motion was made by James Cross to set the 2016 tax rate as follows:

Roads: 0.2223  
General: 0.5128  
Local Agreement: 0.0040  
Homestead Education Rate: 1.3382  
Non-Residential Rate: 1.3503

Total Homestead Rate: \$2.0773  
Total Non-Residential Rate: \$2.0894

Jonathan O'keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

**Tire event disposal method:** Joel informed the board that the cherry picker is unavailable so the alternative is to have the district bring a truck and park it here that day. The board agreed this would be the best thing to do.

**Pay orders:** The board signed the general pay order for \$25,484.01 and the road pay order for \$14,659.24.

**Budget report:** The board reviewed the budget report. No issues.

**Approve minutes of the previous meeting:** A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2016 meeting as printed. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

**Other business:** Doug informed the board that Jenna Koloski had contacted him about finding people to be on the steering committee. The board discussed names of people to contact.

Jonathan O'Keefe asked about reviewing employee timesheets. This will be added to the agenda each meeting.

Joel gave the board a notice from PACIF about injuries in another town and how to avoid them.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.**