

SELECTBOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2016

Present: Doug Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O’Keefe, Bill Hawkins, Joe Arborio, Joel Cope and Lisa Moore

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

Update Agenda: Julianne Woolard, a local attorney, wishes to rent our office space. Jon made a motion to rent the space at \$10 per square foot. Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor so carried.

The board all agreed that our commercial rentals are too cheap and they will need to be increased.

Public Comment: None

Health Office: Joe Arborio updated the selectboard on what has been done concerning the trash issues on Derby Street, Lake Street and South Street. After speaking with one of the Derby Street residents and later doing a drive by, Joe said that it appears that they have taken care of the matter. He has also tried to address the matters on Lake St. and South St. by trying to call the owners of the property, knocking on the doors and leaving written messages and still has had no success with getting a response. He will be issuing a health order on the Lake Street residence that has been burning garbage and will be requesting that Jeff give the resident a citation. There is also a yellow trailer on Lake Street that no one is living in and has a door wide open. Joe has been unsuccessful in contacting the owners by phone so he will be sending them a Letter of Intent with a request to fix the door and close up around the trailer. He will be sending the South Street resident a Letter of Intent.

In following up on the property being the Clyde River Outfitters building, Joe said they have still not complied with what they had to do. The owner was supposed to get back to Joe by the 26th of October and has not. Joe will be following up with an email to the owner.

Roads: Derby Street has been paved. The storm water project part of Derby St. will be continued in the Spring.

Buildings & Maintenance: The gym floor looks great except for a few minor areas. The gentleman who is responsible for doing the floor has agreed to come back and fix those areas.

Doug made a motion to put the bleachers back together and seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried. The road crew may be able to help Ray with this job.

Bill Hawkins said that one of our basketball hoops is 6” off from where it should be and the other is slightly off also. Joel will invite Keith Gray or Scott Scelza

down to meet with some of the selectboard members and discuss what will have to been done to move the hoops and what the cost will be.

Stormwater Project Update: The job is almost finished. They will be coming back in the spring to finish the Derby Street part of the project.

Generator: Mr. Vaillancourt was in to speak with Joel concerning the generator. He told Joel that no electrician will want to take this job on unless an electrical engineer designs it out for them to follow, in order to ensure that code requirements are met. He also said that the generator that we have is not powerful enough to run the whole building. The board decided that they will keep the generator for use in another building. Joel will be calling an electrical engineer to get an idea of the overall cost on what needs to be done.

Budget 2017: A copy of the budget report was shared with all of the selectboard for review. Joel said that the next meeting he will have 3-4 reports for them to review from the past so that they can start working on what to recommend for next year's budget expenses.

Liquor License: Jim made a motion to validate the Essex House liquor license and Jon seconds. All in favor.

Audit: No one from Besaw's showed up to discuss the audit. This was tabled until they can meet with the selectboard.

Pay Orders: There were no pay orders.

Approve Minutes of previous meeting (10/19/16 & 11/2/16): Minutes were reviewed and Doug Niles made a motion to accept minutes from 10/19/16 & 11/2/16, John seconds, all in favor.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Mediation results of Moore complaint: The Town is a defendant in a lawsuit regarding a fall on the town hall stairs, and mediation is underway. Doug and Joel went to the mediation in Montpelier, which resulted in a decision by all parties that more information was needed prior to a second attempt at mediation. The board concluded that premature general public knowledge of the Town's position in mediation would place the Town at a substantial disadvantage and moved to go into executive session to discuss this.

The board moved to leave executive session at 8:00.

Adjourn: Doug Niles made a motion adjourn the meeting, Jim Cross seconds, all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 P.M.