

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 3, 2018

Present: Doug Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Ross Stevens, Bill Hawkins, Mark Castonguay, Mike Strait, Joel Cope, and Teresa DeBonville.

Chairperson, Doug Niles called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Updates: James Cross notified the board that the person whom had a no trespass order at Kingdom Market is still going in there. Doug Niles will go by the store tomorrow to talk with the manager to see if they have contacted Jeff Noyes, and or the state police to take care of this matter. The town has no responsibility in this matter unless they have contacted the chief of police and something had not been done about it.

Public comment: Ross Stevens from Northwoods Stewardship Center was present as a courtesy to ask the town for the same appropriation as they have always received. Mr. Stevens also explained the upcoming projects that the center will be working on in 2018. A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to put the appropriation for the Stewardship Center of \$4000.00 in the 2018 budget. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Bill Hawkins informed the board that he had a request from Julie Boisvert to use the gym in March for a private birthday party. A motion was made by Doug Niles to allow Mrs. Boisvert the use of the gym with the stipulation that she do all set up and clean ups for the birthday party at no charge. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor so carried.

Jim Cross asked about the plans for a stage in the gym. Joel informed the board that the grant application for this was due in May and it is still in the works for this project.

Doug Niles talked to the board about the projector purchase he had in mind. This also has a grant application due in May for the cost of this projector. In the meantime, the Island Pond Public Library has a projector that is not used much, so Doug will ask the library if he could use theirs until the grant application goes through.

Mike Strait, on behalf of the Island Pond Chamber of commerce asked that the board set aside \$6000.00 for new holiday decorations for the town. The town has not purchased new decorations in about 10 years and the

ones that we currently have are broken. The board will go over this request when they discuss the 2018 budget.

Roads: Mark informed the board that the mechanical problems with the one ton and the green dump truck have now been fixed.

Buildings and Maintenance: Doug Niles informed the board that the drinking fountain for the gym has been ordered and should be here by the end of the day on January 4, 2018.

Joel informed the board that he is waiting for the engineering stamp on the paperwork so that he can get the permits in the mail and work can start on the lift for the town hall.

The board was given a copy of an example roof bid specification sheet. Joel informed the board that the seven dormers in the building will need to be rebuilt and he will look into price quotes for this.

Personnel: The board agreed that after the budget meetings for 2018 they would set time aside to start looking over the personnel policy.

Pay orders: The board reviewed the general pay orders and the road pay orders and signed.

Previous Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the December 20, 2017 and the December 27, 2017 meetings. A motion was made by Doug Niles to accept the minutes as printed. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Proposed budget 2018: Joel gave the board a draft of the proposed 2018 budget. The board will look this over.

Vermont Rail action network: A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to be a rail advocate member of the Vermont Rail Action Network at the cost of \$25.00 per year. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor so carried.

Other business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.