

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2016

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 6pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Joe Cook, Steve Glabach, Zeke Goodband, Gurudharm Khalsa, Jerelyn Wilson

Also present: Terry Chapman, Hugh Worden, Laurie Frechette, BCTV

As the first order of business, Zeke added the following three items to the agenda: payment of Cemetery Fund Warrant #6, two items of Correspondence for Information.

On a motion by Joe and second from Jerelyn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from December 23rd.

On a motion by Joe and second from Steve, the Board voted 3-0 (Jerelyn & Gurudharm abstained) to approve the minutes from December 30th.

On a motion by Steve and second from Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 14, 14P, and Cemetery Fund #6.

The Board recognized Hugh Worden and Terry Chapman, who introduced themselves and announced they are candidates for the 3-year and 2-year seats on the Selectboard respectively.

There was no Road Foreman's report.

Correspondence for Information included: 2016 COD & CLA from VT Tax Dept.; Land Use Permit #2W0680-6 & 2W1224-2 for Renaud Gravel; info from Merchants Bank; DRB decision for O'Donnell Family Company on Bunker Road; VLCT weekly Legislative report; Act 64 outreach meeting on Jan. 11th (WRC) ~ *Gurudharm will attend.*

After some discussion, Steve moved to approve a General Fund budget of \$411,547 for FY 2017. Jerelyn seconded the motion, it passed 5-0.

Steve moved to approve a Highway Fund budget of \$495,390 for FY 2017. Jerelyn seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Joe presented to the Board information of options of investing the monies in the Capital Fund to obtain greater interest returns. Laurie expressed her preference (as Treasurer) to deal with local (VT based) banks rather than an unknown entity. No action was taken.

Steve moved to raise and appropriate \$150,000 for the Capital fund for FY 2017. Joe seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed a letter drafted by Laurie to Ken Carpenter regarding a 7-cent increase in the cost of gravel/sand extracted from the Carpenter Gravel Pit, effective July 1, 2015. The price will increase from \$2.92 per yard to \$2.99. Steve moved to approve this increase; Gurudharm seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Zeke spoke to the Board about having candidates for Town offices come to the February 3rd meeting and speak briefly about themselves and why they are running for the office. This will be held instead of a formal candidates night. One benefit will be that residents will be able to watch the broadcast on BCTV at their convenience. Laurie was asked to check and see if the Church or the Grange are available. The Selectboard meeting will begin at 5pm on that date.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Gurudharm Khalsa, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant