



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2017

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Eric Dodge, Brian Kellogg, Yvette Mason and Chris Towne

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Roland Boivin, Highway Foreman; Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief; Richard Keith, Police Chief; Trisha Follert, Community Development Coordinator; Nathan Pickard, Chief of EMS.

Guests: Denny DiGregorio, Laurie Marcoux, Tina Sweet, Assistant Finance Director, and Fred Duplessis

Bob Beeman called the Selectboard meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Delete Chris Ransom Discussion.
2. Move Lamoille County Advocacy Waiver Request to #1 under New Business

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of November 20, 2017 with changes [delete sentence "seconded by Eric Dodge, motion carried (5.0)"]. Motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (5/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Appropriations Waiver Request- Lamoille Child Advocacy-** Laurie Marcoux Interim Executive Director is requesting the Selectboard waive the requirement to petition the voters to be added to the Town Warning for an Appropriation. Seven (7) other towns have waived the requirement. Richard Keith, Chief of Police spoke on their behalf, stating that the Police Department works closely with the agency and does get reimbursed from the State of Vermont for the services they provide.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve waiving the requirement for petition for the Lamoille County Child Advocacy Special Investigation Unit and to add them to the

2018 Town Meeting Warning request for an Appropriation list, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. **Audit Review** – Fred Duplessis from Sullivan & Powers the Town Auditors reviewed the FY 16-17 Audit with the Selectboard. The Selectboard had no questions.
3. **Audit Bids**–Carol Bradley, Finance Director, sent out bids for a new 3 year contract as our contract with Sullivan & Powers has ended. She has received 5 bids back and is recommending Glenna L. Pound. Her bid was \$16,750 for the first year, \$16,000 for the second year and \$15,000 for the third year. Her prices go down each year as she becomes more familiar with our accounting practices.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, to approve bid from Glenna Pound as the Towns Auditor for a 3 year contract and a total amount of \$47,750, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

4. EMS VOLUNTEER –

Motion made by Chris Towne to hire Adam Boise as an EMS Volunteer, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

VI. BUDGET REVIEW

1. **Review of Community Development Budget** – Selectboard discussed Community Development Budget with Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator. No changes or additions to the budget. Selectboard would like to see something done with the skate park. Needs some maintenance and repair. Tricia has been working with a group to help with the maintenance. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator mentioned getting some bathrooms at the Oxbow. This would need to be put on the Town Warning as a separate Article.
2. **Review of MACC Budget**- No changes asking for the same amount of \$6500. They have sponsored a lot of events in town such as the Chair project, Festival of Lights etc. They have hired a part-time assistant for 20 hours per week.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. APPROVE WARRANTS

Chris Towne made a motion to approve the warrants through December 4, 2017, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0).

IX. TA REPORT

1. Thank you to Tricia and MACC for a great Festival of Lights
2. We will be reviewing the General Budget on December 11. Will need direction from the board as to where they would like to see changes so that we can get the budget and the town report completed.
3. Would like to change the format for the nonprofit appropriations request. Would be a shorter format but would include amounts along with a paragraph size description. Currently the Reports to the Town take up 21 pages. Each organization has nearly a full

page. Selectboard liked the shorter format. Erica will send notes to the organizations letting them know we will be using a shortened version.

4. Would like to have the Langdell Rd. site walk on January 22, 2018 @ 4PM

X. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

- **Eric Dodge-** Has the road side mowing begun?
- **Bob Beeman-** None
- **Chris Towne-** The cutting at the Pleasant View Cemetery looks horrendous. Feels the Selectboard should have final say in anything that is done on Town owned land. Dan will look at the statutes for Cemeteries.
- **Brian Kellogg-** Selectboard needs to discuss the dedication.
- **Yvette Mason-** Also felt the Pleasant View Cemetery cutting was excessive.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter Executive Session to discuss appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee under the provisions of the Title 1 Section 313(3) (a) (3) of the Vermont Statutes to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator and Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to appoint Doug Wallace as the working Crew Leader for the Street Department at Step 11, currently at \$23.72 per hour, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn at 8:15PM, seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 4th day of December, 2017.

Erica Allen, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.