



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2020

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Eric Dodge, Brian Kellogg, Gary Nolan & Judy Bickford (by phone).

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Dennis DiGregorio, Fire Chief, Bill Mapes, Chief of EMS; Kevin Barrows, Road Foreman and Richard Keith, Chief of Police and Tina Sweet, Finance Director.

Guests: Brent Teillon and Mike Desjardins

Bob Beeman called the Meeting to order at 6:00PM.

I. AGENDA CHANGES

1. Add Appoint Volunteer to the EMS Roster.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of July 27, 2020

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the minutes of July 27, 2020. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion passed (5/0)

2. Approve minutes of August 3, 2020

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of August 3, 2020 with changes to first motion [Judy arrived at 6:25Pm and was not there for the approval of the minutes]. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. None

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Approve Bid for Town Report-** Received 3 bids for the 20/21 Town Report printing. L Brown quoted \$1290 per year, Reprographics quoted \$1395 per year and Jet Service quoted \$1290 per year. Recommendation was to go with Reprographics. This will be our 8th year with them. Very easy to work with and Town Reports are always delivered in a timely manner.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept bid from Reprographics for the 2020/2021 Town Report. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. Set Tax Rate-

Motion made by Eric Dodge to set the municipal tax rate at 0.9369. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept residential education tax rate of \$1.4887. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept non-residential education tax rate of \$1.6342, Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. Errors & Omissions -

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve Errors and Omissions for Cassea Mercia, Anthony Cleveland, Matthew, Kevin R & EID, Michelle. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion Carried. (5/0).

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve Errors and Omissions for North Country Animal League. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

4. Purchase Air Packs for Fire Department- Fire Department would like to purchase 4 air packs and 8 tanks at a cost of \$30,588. Currently have enough in the budget to cover about ½ the cost. We would not use some of the budget for the building repairs, so we can use it for this purchase.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve bid from Fire Tech and Safety for purchase of 4 packs and 8 tanks at a cost of \$30,588 [bid shows \$7,647.00 for 1 pack and 2 tanks]. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

5. Add Volunteer to EMS Roster–

Motion made by Eric Dodge to Dominic Atlac to the EMS Roster as a volunteer. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0).

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve Change Order for Mud City Loop Bridge- Change order for removing old bridge abutments that were discovered in the digging process of the culvert replacement.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve change order in the amount of \$3971. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

VII. WARRANTS

1. **Motion made by Brian Kellogg to sign warrants for August 17, 2020. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)**

VIII. TA REPORT-

1. VFW Parking lot will be paved. They will also be paving our portion of the street at the same time at a cost of \$4,000 to the Town.
2. The State is planning to repave Rte. 15 from Johnson to Wolcott next construction season. They will also be doing a portion of Rte. 100 near the roundabout as well.
3. Concept II is in the process of adding more solar to their buildings.

IX. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Judy- Would like to see more police presence on the Randolph Road.

Gary- None

Brian- Has noticed a lot of speeding on Stagecoach Road. When will the bathrooms be built? Dan said he would check on the start date. Have we heard anymore from the Vasa group about ATV access on town roads? Eric said there was a change in command for the local group so it may be a while before we hear from them again while they get it sorted out.

Eric- None

Bob- None

X. OTHER BUSINESS-

1. Brent Teillon invited the Selectboard to an open house for the Town Forest. The Conservation Commission has been working on creating more trails. Open house will be Saturday starting at 10 am.

Motion made by Eric Dodge enter executive session to discuss evaluation of a public employee under the provisions of Title 1 section 313 (3) (a) (3) of the Vermont Statutes. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to find that premature general public knowledge of pending or probable civil litigation to which the public body is or may be party will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge enter executive session to discuss pending or probable civil litigation to which the public body is or may be party under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes to include Dan Lindley . Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to find that premature general public knowledge of Real Estate, Purchase or Lease Options will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage

by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to we enter executive session to discuss the Real Estate, Purchase or Lease Options under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes to include Dan Lindley. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of Executive Session. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to appoint Kevin Barrows as the Temporary Highway Superintendent a Grade 9 Step 4 at the current pay rate of \$27.91 per hour. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

XI. ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0) Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 18th day of August, 2020
Erica Allen, Scribe

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