

Selectboard Meeting Minutes -Approved 2.17.2016

Attendees:

Carol Olsen, Chair Ruben Hook Susan Elder Joan Goodrich Michael Button
Rhoda Ackerman Karen Lathrop Andy Williamson

Meeting brought to order by Vice Chair, Michael Button 6:30 PM.

Additions & Deletions

- Town Report –Budget & Town Meeting Prep
- Zoning –Creamery Road

Minutes

Mike B. moved to approve 2.02.16 minutes. Joan G. seconded the motion. So moved. Susan E. moved to accept the 1.19.16 minutes. Joan G. seconded the motion. So moved.

Donation to Town- Rhoda Ackerman

Rhoda A presented the Board with a quilt she would like to donate to Town of historical farms in Town, which her mother and friends had quilted in 1986. Carol O. discussed having it mounted like the quilt already hanging in the Town Hall. Carol O. reported she had spoken to with Rufus Royce who was willing to make a frame providing the Board buy the lumber. The Board in favor of accepting the quilt with Carol O. to touch base with Rufus R. Board thanked Rhoda A. for the donation to the Town.

Executive Session- Personnel

Mike B. moved to enter executive session for personnel review of applications at 6:41 PM.
Ruben H. seconded the motion. So moved.

Mike B. moved to exit executive session at 7:03. Joan G. seconded the motion. So moved.
Joan G. disclosed the Board reviewed applications for the Transfer Station and the Water/Wastewater Departments. Joan G.. moved to have the Town Administrator set up interviews for the candidates. Ruben H. seconded the motion. So moved.

Highway Department

a. 2012 International Refinance Options - Town Administrator explained the refinance options for the 2012 International truck but also mentioned the excess Highway funds(\$53,000) available to be used for payout of the balloon payment. Board reviewed the options and discussion ensued on whether excess money could legally be used to reduce taxes. Board preferred to have options to present at Town Meeting. No action taken.

b. Bond Bank Application – Bond Counsel – Town Administrator requested Board authorization of Bond Council for the application to the Bond Bank stating historically, the Town has used the services of Mr. Paul Guiliani. Joan G. moved retain Paul Guiliani as bond counsel. Mike B. seconded the motion. So moved.

Water/Wastewater- Tabled

Transfer Station

a. Rates – Board discussion on request to raise rates. Board favored sending a letter to trash haulers for costs. A letter to be drafted for the March 15, 2016 meeting. No action taken.

Town Meeting - Board discussion on the printed budget in Town report, including changes as to CVSWMD dues, West Hill Cemetery Budget, Salt shed and Lister's payroll. Board discussion on how to go forward, budget record keeping in the future and discussions on. Board discussion on presentations for Town Meeting.

- Highways – Ruben Hook
- Town Garage – Joan Boardman
- Town Manager – Carol Olsen
- Moxley Bridge and Flood Study – Susan Elder

Board to have special meeting on March 27, 2016 - 9 AM – Treasurer's office for Town Meeting preparation.

Zoning Issue – Board members concerns about a junk yard developing on the Button property on Creamery Road and rumors of a person renting Button's commercial building to sell cars. The Town has an ordinance about junkyards. Joan G. requested the Board let her speak with the ZA and check on the permitting of the place. Susan Elder concerned about Draft Flood By laws increasing the workload of the ZA in the future as the Board has not budgeted for an increase of job responsibility. Board favored Joan G. talking with the ZA.

Correspondence

a. Mascoma Savings Bank use of Common – Susan E. moved to approve Mascoma Savings Banks use of the North Common on July 15, 2016 and coordinate with the Farmers Market. Joan G. seconded the motion. So moved.

b. Girls Scouts use of Town Hall – The Girls Scouts would like to use the hall for a Pinewood Derby and request a fee exemption from the Board. Joan G. moved to grant a fee exemption to the Girl Scouts for use of the Town Hall. Susan E. seconded the motion. So moved

c. Prevent Child Abuse - Pinwheel Garden –Board reviewed request. Joan G. moved to pass over. Mike B. seconded the motion. So moved.

d. Payment in Lieu of Taxes Letter – Town Admin stated it is mainly informational on legislative proposal. Joan G. stated VLCT news has legislative update- and encouraged everyone to read it. No action taken.

e. State Police- Community Advisory Board Rep- Carol O. stated she had experience with this board,(10 years ago) Meeting were held but eventually it went nowhere. Board believes times have changed. Susan E. offered to be the Representative, if no conflict with Diversion Board she also sits on. Board favored Susan E. as Board representative.

Approve Orders – Mike B. moved to approve orders. Susan E. seconded the motion. So moved.

Adjournment – Mike B. moved to adjourn at 9:38 PM. Susan E. seconded the motion. SO moved.