



## SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2017

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

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Nathan Pickard, Chief of EMS; Denny DiGregorio, Fire Chief; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer;.

Guests: David Polow, Wayland Wells, Shawn Goodell, Sara Haskins, and Tina Sweet, Corey Boisvert.

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

### **I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS**

1. Add Selectboard concerns

### **II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

1. David Polow expressed his concern about not having a sidewalk on the south side of Stafford Avenue. After the Bypass has been installed, there is a lot more traffic on Stafford Avenue. There is also a lot more pedestrians/biker traffic. Since Stafford Avenue doesn't have shoulders on the side of the road, people are walking real close to the road. VTRANS isn't considering any modifications to the bypass for crosswalks. David would like to see the funding for this sidewalk considered in future budgets. Dan will look into the cost.
2. Wayland Wells expressed concern about Min Cote leaving the Town's employment. He feels that the pot holes will not continue to be fixed now that Min isn't here. Bob explained that we are still moving forward with fixing pot holes and additional paving. Wayland also expressed concern about the continued traffic delays on Lower Main Street up to the light for the Bypass.

### **III. FY17/18 BUDGET**

Dan has revised the budget with his recommendations. A new Overview and a list of budget item changes were discussed. Denny expressed concerns about cutting the Fire Department building improvements item down to \$15,000. They currently have \$15,000 in the current year's budget and need to have \$60,000 to do the improvements to the building that are needed. Carol suggested asking the Selectboard to reserve from Fire Department building improvements line item and building addition line item a total of \$24,825.50 for the future renovations. This will give them \$39,825.50 toward the renovations. The new recommendations would bring the Operating Budget down to a 3.1% increase. A list of prioritized paving projects was discussed. These projects would

be completed if the Article in the Warning for \$500,000 was to pass. The Selectboard expressed their desire to have the Paving Article be done by Australian ballot. If this article passes, this would bring the entire budget up to a 5.2% increase. Dan discussed reserving \$100,000 from last year's reserve for the RT 100 Earmark project so that can be completed this coming summer. Eric asked when the FY17/18 budget needed to be set in stone. Carol said that they had to have an answer by next meeting on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **IV. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS-**

##### **Joni Lanphear**

- Not present

##### **Yvette Mason**

- A couple of employees have expressed their concerns about the Town buying water and Styrofoam cups for drinking.
- Is it legal for landlords to charge first month, last month and security deposit to move into an apartment? People have expressed concern that they can't afford this. Dan looked up the answer and found that it is not legal in Barre or Burlington, but it is legal in other towns.

##### **Brian Kellogg**

- He had another dog bite issue reported. The person doesn't want to pursue it at this time. They didn't go to the hospital.

##### **Eric Dodge**

- None

##### **Bob Beeman-**

- None

#### **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to find that premature general public knowledge of labor relationships with employees to the body will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter executive session to discuss labor relationships with employees under the provisions of Title 1 section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes, to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; and Sara Haskins, Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0).**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of executive session, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion. Carried. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 10th day of January, 2017

Tina Sweet, Scribe

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