



**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

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

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; and Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Guests: Ron Bohmer, Matt Martell, Andrew Martin.

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

**I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS**

- 1. Add Hire Part & Full Time EMS- Possible Executive Session***
- 2. Add Labor Relations- Possible Executive Session***

**II. APPROVE MINUTES**

- 1. Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of October 23, 2017, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

None

**IV. LIQUOR CONTROL**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter as Board of Liquor Control, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve Liquor License for Walgreens Eastern Co. Inc. [AKA Rite Aid], motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge, seconded by Brian Kellogg to come out of Board of Liquor Control. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Discuss Disc Golf Course-** Matt Martell would like to build a disc golf course on a section of Town land near the Duhamel Pit. Matt proposes selling sponsorships to cover the cost of the equipment and maintenance. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator said the Town will create an account and collect the money for the sponsorships. Selectboard thought it was a great idea, but would like us to talk to Don Avery and to make sure we are covered with VLCT. Dan said he will talk with Don and will work with Matt and VLCT to set things in motion and keep the Selectboard informed.

2. **EMS Resignation**– Anthony Graves has resigned from the EMS Department as a Part-time employee.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve resignation from Anthony Graves, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion Carried. (4/0)**

3. **EMS Hires**- Nathan would like to hire Diana Osborn to fill the fulltime position vacated by David Talley and to hire Brad Carrier to fill the part-time position vacated by Anthony Graves.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve hiring Diana Osborn as a full time employee at a Grade I Step 6 currently at \$15.50 per hour and to hire Brad Carrier as a part-time employee at \$13.25 per hour for 23 hours per week with no benefits, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)**

4. **HRA Budget**- Due to rising insurance deductibles it is proposed to increase the HRA level for 2018 (\$7850+500) to \$8350 for two person, adult plus child (ren) and family plans. For single persons, we could increase the HRA level for 2018 (\$3,425 +\$250) to \$3,675. Based on the 2016 figures we had 4 people who maxed out at \$7,850. Raising the HRA level would've incurred a maximum paid out amount of \$2,000. None of the single people maxed out. That \$2,000 could easily come from the funded less paid amount carried forward of \$29,275.50 from 2016.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, to authorize renewal for 2018 HRA with levels of \$8,350 for two-persons, adults plus child (ren) and family plans, and \$3,675 for single plans, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)**

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. None

## **VII. APPROVE WARRANTS-**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve warrants through November 6, 2017, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

## **VIII. TA REPORT-**

- Windstorm- we had a lot of trees down and power outages, but no real damage.
- Halloween street closure and candy drive went very well.
- Boy Scout Salute to Veterans was a success.
- Green River Dam Exercise last week. This allows the Village Water & Light to renew their license.
- Budget Meetings will start next Monday November 13, 2017.

## **IX. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS**

**Yvette Mason**

- None

**Brian Kellogg**

- None

**Eric Dodge**

- Thank you to the Highway Department and the Police Department for all their work to make Halloween night a success. May want to look at either closing Congress Street next year or look at more lighting. It was very dark.

**Bob Beeman-**

- None

**Chris Towne-**

- Not present.

**X. 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 Yvette Mason. 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, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of Executive Session at 8:15PM, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg to adjourn the meeting at 8:156PM, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion carried. (4/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017

Erica Allen, Scribe

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