

Weathersfield Select Board  
Minutes  
February 19, 2013

Present: Michael Todd  
Norman John Arrison  
Dave Fuller

Others Present: Jim Mullen, Town Manager  
Lisa Slade, Recording Secretary  
Julia Lloyd Wright  
deForest Bearse  
Alan Hudson  
Roy Burton  
Jeff Slade  
Edith Stillson  
Greg Adamovich  
David Singer

1. Call to Order: Mr. Arrison called the Weathersfield Select Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Martin Memorial Hall.

2. Comments from Citizens and Select Board Members: Mr. Fuller said there was a discussion on haz mat reimbursement at the last Fire Commission meeting and he would like to discuss this briefly under #4 - Regular Business.

Mr. Todd said a year ago he was appointed by the Select Board to serve as a Board member for the year and he thanked them for appointing him to this position.

3. Review Minutes from Previous Meeting(s): **Mr. Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes dated January 14, 2013. Mr. Todd seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

**Mr. Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes dated January 28, 2013. Mr. Todd seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

**Mr. Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes dated January 31, 2013, Mr. Todd seconded the motion. After one correction was noted, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes dated February 4, 2013. Mr. Todd seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

4. Regular Business:

A. Public Hearing Town Plan Revised Energy Chapter: Mr. Arrison said this is the first warned Public Hearing for the Energy Chapter in the Town Plan. Mr. Fuller asked if there would be more Public Hearings. Mrs. Bearse said there needs to be at least one more.

Mrs. Bearse said the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on October 22, 2012 and there were no visitors or written comments at that Hearing. She shared the proposed amendment on the Energy Chapter with the Select Board.

Mr. Fuller noted the current plan was adopted in 2009 and asked what the changes were at this time. Mrs. Bearse said the changes are significant but mainly a better analysis on energy recourses because there are a lot more resources available on renewable energy now.

Mr. Arrison asked Mr. Todd what he thought of the proposed changes. Mr. Todd said the Planning Commission spent a lot of time on this, a significant amount of work was done and he feels the Planning Commission has done a good job.

Ms. Julia Lloyd Wright asked the Board to strike the sentence that states if Vermont Yankee is not re-licensed then the output from the plant will have to come from elsewhere. The Board was not inclined to strike that sentence, they decided to leave it as is.

Mr. Fuller asked how many meetings were held on this. Mr. Todd said several meetings over several months. Mr. Arrison closed the Public Hearing.

B. Windsor County Courthouse Capital Improvement Project and Bond Vote: Assistant Judge David Singer shared information with the Board on the improvements and/or renovations they are looking to do at the Woodstock Courthouse. Mr. Singer said the hard cost is estimated at \$2,000,000. He said the estimated tax costs to taxpayers if this passes would be \$4.97 per \$200,000 in value. He noted Title 24 of the State Statute states the Counties are responsible for court houses that is why this is going before the voters. It was noted there will be a separate ballot for taxpayers to vote on this.

C. Delinquent Tax Collection Update: Mr. Mullen said last year at this time we had 185 delinquent taxpayers, we are down to 41 at this time. He said the majority of the balance is owed by three property owners.

Mr. Fuller said he feels the Vermont Land Trust and or the Upper Valley Land Trust should be involved in the abatement process for one particular property owner.

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J. Include Town Forest in Ascutney Management Unit Long-range Planning process: Mr. Roy Burton, a retired State Forrester, said he is willing to help Weathersfield to develop a plan. **Mr. Fuller made the motion to authorize the Town Manager to draft a letter to open a dialog with the State with the thought of including the Weathersfield Town Forest in the Ascutney Management Unit Long Range Management Plan process. Mr. Todd seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

D. Discuss Town Meeting Articles 4 & 5: The Board discussed amending the wording on these two Articles when they are discussed on the floor at Town meeting. Mr. Fuller said people have asked him about these two Articles already, thinking they are money Articles.

After discussion it was decided to discuss deleting Article 5 when it is discussed during Town Meeting and Mr. Hudson will amend the language in Article 4 when it is discussed so it doesn't specify funds will be used for unanticipated shortfalls or for just General Fund expenses.

E. Town Meeting Preparation: The Board reviewed the Articles and decided who would speak to what Article during the Town Meeting.

F. Approve Town Highway & Bridge Weight Restrictions, G. Approve Annual Certificate of Highway Mileage and H. Approve Notice of Restricted Use of Town Highways: **Mr. Fuller made the motion to approve the town highway & bridge weight restrictions, to approve the annual certificate of highway mileage and approve notice of restricted use of town highways, Mr. Todd seconded the motion.** Mr. Fuller asked what the special exceptions meant on the bridge weight restrictions. He said we should not be giving exceptions to Lavigne Road Bridge when we have been told by an Engineer the bridge is not safe for more than 16,000 lbs. After discussion it was decided to not make exceptions for Lavigne Road Bridge. **Motion passed unanimously.**

I. Transfer Station Bottle Returns and How to Distribute Funds Collected: The Board said once this gets in place we should rotate through the list of organizations that ask for the funds. **Mr. Todd made the motion to post the notice about the distribution of funds. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

K. Field a Select Board Team for Weathersfield Town Challenge: Tabled until the next meeting

L. Haz Mat Reimbursement for Fire Departments: Mr. Fuller said at the Fire Commission meeting the Fire Departments voiced frustration with the collection of Haz Mat funds and he thinks the Board just needs to get involved with the process so it can be reviewed and will run smoothly. Mr. Mullen will add this as an agenda item for a future meeting.

5. Board of Liquor Control Commissioners - Mr. Arrison convened the Board of Liquor Commissioners.

A. 2013 Second Class License Renewal for J.W. Sandri of Vermont, Inc., dba Ascutney Sunoco: **Mr. Fuller made the motion to approve the second class liquor license renewal for J.W. Sandri of Vermont, Inc., dba Ascutney Sunoco. Mr. Todd seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

B. 2013 Tobacco License Renewal: **Mr. Fuller made the motion to approve the 2013 tobacco license renewal for J.W. Sandri of Vermont, Inc., dba Ascutney Sunoco. Mr. Todd seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

Mr. Arrison adjourned the Board of Liquor Commissioners.

6. Appointments: None

7. Sign Treasurer's Warrants: **Mr. Todd made the motion to approve the Treasurer Warrants as follows:**

<b>General Funds Payroll</b>	<b>\$15,626.16</b>
<b>General Funds Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$67,665.65</b>
<b>Highway Fund Payroll</b>	<b>\$17,691.26</b>
<b>Highway Fund Payroll Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,489.53</b>
<b>Solid Waste Management Fund Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 1,270.88</b>
<b>Solid Waste Management Fund Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 6,919.29</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>\$ 833.61</b>

**Mr. Fuller seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

8. Future Meeting Agenda Items: Next meeting Thursday March 7, 2013 annual organizational meeting.

9. Adjourn: Mr. Todd made the motion to adjourn. **Mr. Fuller seconded the motion which passed without dissent.** The Weathersfield Select Board was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Lisa Slade

Approved by the Weathersfield Select Board on April 1, 2013

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Dan Boyer

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Norman John Arrison

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Richard Clattenburg

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