

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT

SELECT BOARD

Select Board
Martin Memorial Hall
5259 Route 5
7:00 PM, FEBRUARY 2, 2015
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES
APPROVED 2/17/2015

Present: N. John Arrison
David Fuller
C. Peter Cole
Richard Clattenburg (arrived at 7:11)

Lynn Esty
Bette Jo Esty
Matt Keniston

1. Call to Order

Chairman Arrison called the meeting order at 7:03PM.

2. Comments from Select Board and Citizens on topics not on agenda

Select Board: Mr. Arrison announced that a representative of Velco will be attending the February 17 meeting of the Select Board and urged anyone who may be affected by the proposed power line project to attend.

Citizens: BJ Esty announced that the School Board has changed its regular meeting night to the second Monday of each month to accommodate those who wish to attend both the Select Board meetings and the School Board meetings. The new schedule will take effect in April.

3. Review Minutes from previous meeting(s)

Motion: To accept the minutes of January 19, 2015 as presented.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. Cole **Vote:** Unanimous in favor.

Motion: To approve the minutes of January 28, 2015.

Made by: Mr. Cole **Second:** Mr. Fuller **Vote:** Tabled until Mr. Clattenburg could participate.

4. 1879 Perkinsville Schoolhouse Committee – update

Members of the 1879 Perkinsville School Committee were present to request the Board's stand Article 4 on the warrant for Town Meeting. Mr. Arrison stated that this was an opportunity for the voters to express their support for the school and that the Select Board should remain neutral. Presentation of the three articles pertaining to the school

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was discussed. It was agreed that the Board and the Committee would collaborate on presentation of the articles.

5. Board of Liquor Commissioners

a. Second class license renewal/Circle K Vermont, Inc./DBA Circle K

Mr. Arrison convened the Board of Liquor Commissioners to discuss the application. It was noted that the application was for a liquor license only.

Motion: to approve the application for a second-class liquor license for Circle K Vermont, Inc. DBA Circle K #7408

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. Cole **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

6. Erica Tucker & Barbara Ball

a. Liquor Control Commissioners – deemed unnecessary, as all food and drinks will be inside the building, which is not the jurisdiction of the board.

b. Request to use Memorial Grove

c. Request for large gathering permit

Motion: To approve the application for a large gathering permit and to grant permission for use of the Memorial Grove for Erica Tucker and Barbara Ball on October 10, 2015.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. Cole **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

7. First Reading: Amend personnel policy regarding length of probationary period for new hires

Town Manager Mullen is requesting the policy change, which would extend the probationary period of all new hires from its current ninety days to one year. It is Mr. Mullen's opinion that the longer period is fairer to both the new hire and the Town. After discussing the proposed language, the board asked that Mr. Mullen clarify the term "these rules" in item (B) and to consider keeping the existing policy with regard to item (C).

Motion: To move the amendment to a second reading on February 17.

Made by: Mr. Cole **Second:** Mr. Fuller **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

8. 2015 Town Meeting Preparation

The board reviewed the articles of the upcoming Town Meeting and decided who will present each of the articles. Mr. Fuller will present articles 4, 5, 11, 13, 14, and 16. Mr. Clattenburg will present article 6. Mr. Arrison will present articles 7, 10, 12, and 15. Mr. Boyer will present article 17. Various other parties will present the remaining articles.

9. Field Team for Weathersfield Town Challenge?

All four members of the board volunteered to participate in the Challenge.

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10. Project Updates

A. Maple Street Reconstruction Project

The ROW and construction plans are underway.

B. Project for trail access to Town Forest

The wetlands permit is in progress.

C. Correspondence regarding appearance of cell tower in Ascutney

Motion: To direct the Town Manager to write another, stronger letter to the Public Service Board regarding the appearance of the cell tower in Ascutney.

Made by: Mr. Clattenburg **Second:** Mr. Cole **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

D. Well at Highway Garage

An RFP from well drillers has been sent out with a response due date of February 12. The project involves drilling for yield and water quality only.

E. Phelan estate

Mr. Mullen is actively searching for Mr. Phelan's nephews.

11. Appointments:

No appointments were made.

12. Approve Warrants

Motion: To approve the warrants for February 2, 2015 as follow:

General Funds	Operating Expenses	\$28,659.67
	Payroll	\$16,888.58
Highway Fund	Operating Expenses	\$28,572.38
	Payroll	\$17,438.11
Solid Waste Management Fund		
	Operating Expenses	\$4,041.77
	Payroll	\$1,592.80
Library	Operating Expenses	\$114.49
Grants		\$0.00
Agency Monies		\$0.00
Reserves		\$0.00

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. Cole **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

13. Future Meeting Agenda Items

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14. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Made by: Mr. Cole **Second:** Mr. Clattenburg **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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WEATHERSFIELD SELECTBOARD

N. John Arrison, Chairperson

Daniel E. Boyer, Vice-Chairperson

David T. Fuller, Selector

C. Peter Cole, Selector

Richard N. Clattenburg, Selector