

SELECT BOARD

Select Board
Meeting
Martin Memorial Hall
5259 Route 5
7:30 PM, MAY 4, 2015

MINUTES
APPROVED 5/18/2015

Select Board Members Present: N. John Arrison
David Fuller
Daniel Boyer
Lynn Esty
Town Manager, Jim Mullen

Others Present:

Edith Stillson Abby Friedman Lisa Slade
Bonnie DuPrey Chip Cobb
Wanda Gropler Jeff Slade

1. Call to Order

Mr. Arrison called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

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

Mrs. Esty announced that there is no outdoor burning allowed at this time due to dangerous dry conditions. People are to call the Fire Warden, Darrin Spaulding, with any questions.

3. Review minutes from previous meetings

April 20, 2015 Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of April 20, 2015 with the addition of the meeting adjournment time of 8:50 PM.

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

April 27, 2015 Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of April 27, 2015 as presented.

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

4. Town Manager Search Process/Abigail Friedman

Ms. Friedman, Director of the VLCT Municipal Assistance Center, described the broad array of administrative and advisory services that VLCT can offer towns in search of a

new town manager. The costs of the services are divided into labor and advertising. The maximum labor cost is \$5000. Advertising rates can vary widely.

5. Update on Veterans Committee work – Chip Cobb

The Board took item 11, *Appointments*, out of order to appoint Mr. Cobb to the Veterans Memorial Committee.

Motion: To appoint Mr. Cobb as the select board representative on the Veterans Memorial Committee.

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

Mr. Cobb outlined the Committee's goals for 2015. He asked the public to assist in getting names of Weathersfield veterans to the Committee for inclusion on the Roll of Honor. He and the Board discussed ways of getting water to the Veterans Park for watering the flower garden there. The Board said they would assist in helping solve the problem.

6. Project Updates:

a. Airport Road

Work has begun on the road reconstruction and is progressing quickly.

b. Maple Street,

Only one more signature is needed for R.O.W. clearance. The plans then go back to VTtrans for the next step in the process. Four culverts will be replaced by the Town this year for the \$25,000 match of in-kind services needed for the grant application.

c. Access to Town Forest

The State Wetlands Specialist is requesting additional information for the wetlands permit application. The Board urged Mr. Mullen to move ahead now with securing Mrs. Abbott's signature on the easement. They also asked for an accounting of the funds spent to date on this project.

d. Perkinsville School

Local engineer, Todd Hindinger, is assisting with the design of the drainage system that's needed to keep water from entering the school basement. It was discovered that the source of the water is not a high water table as had been previously assumed, but rather water from the roof (when it rains) and melting snow. Work on the drainage system will begin next week. Mold remediation is scheduled to begin next Monday. A public building permit has been applied for from the State Dept. of Labor and Industry. Maximum occupancy of the building will be 49.

7. VELCO Coolidge to Ascutney transmission line improvement/Acknowledgement of Public Outreach Effort

The Planning Commission asked the Select Board to co-sign a letter addressed to the Public Service Board complimenting VELCO for their public outreach efforts.

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Motion: To authorize the chair to co-sign the letter to the Public Service Board.

Made by: Mr. Boyer **Second:** Mrs. Esty **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

8. Decide how to distribute Transfer Station Redemption Program Funds

The Board again discussed how to distribute the \$3000 that has accumulated in the fund. The consensus was to distribute it to charitable and nonprofit organizations that request funds from the Board. Mrs. Slade submitted a written request for a donation to the American Flag project that had begun last year.

Motion: To give \$500 to Mrs. Slade's American Flag project.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mrs. Esty **Vote:** Esty, Fuller, Boyer – Aye; Arrison – Nay. Motion carries.

9. Cost for Town to dispose of trash generated at Transfer Station

The recycling bins continue to overflow. The Board discussed purchasing an additional bin (or two) to help resolve the overflow. The Town Manager was asked to research the cost.

10. Quarterly Reports:

- a. Planning and Zoning** – The report indicates moderate activities in planning and zoning for the quarter.
- b. Police** – The report indicates that call volume is down. This report does not include call volume from the VT State Police when our officers are not on duty

11. Appointments

This was taken up earlier in the meeting. Mr. Cobb was the only appointment.

12. Approve Warrants

Motion: To approve the warrants for May 4, 2015 as follow:

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| General Funds | Operating Expenses | \$23,311.31 |
| | Payroll | \$16,958.23 |
| Highway Fund | Operating Expenses | \$5,562.34 |
| | Payroll | \$13,508.22 |
| Solid Waste Management Fund | | |
| | Operating Expenses | \$1,222.55 |
| | Payroll | \$1,629.02 |
| Library | Operating Expenses | \$0.00 |
| Grants | Operating Expenses | \$1,075.00 |

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Agency Monies Operating Expenses \$0.00

Reserves \$0.00

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

13. Future Meeting Agenda Items

No changes were made.

14. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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N. John Arrison, Chairperson

Daniel E. Boyer, Vice-Chairperson

David T. Fuller, Selector

C. Peter Cole, Selector

Lynn Esty, Selector