

Weathersfield Select Board
Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2014
Approved 12/1/2014

Present: N. John Arrison
David Fuller
Daniel Boyer
Richard Clattenburg

Wes Hazeltine	Alan Hudson
Bette Jo Esty	Marion Ballam
John Esty	Flo-Ann Dango
Edith Stillson	
Lisa Slade	
Jeff Slade	
Michael Todd	

1. Call to Order

Chairman Arrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Martin Memorial Hall.

2. Special Town Meeting: Vote on tax exemptions for two Granges

(See minutes of special town meeting.)

3. Comments from Select Board and Citizens on topics not on agenda
Select Board:

Mr. Fuller said that there is an ongoing discussion about the school buses and that more information is coming out. He said the Town has an interest in this matter and asked Mr. Arrison to schedule time for further discussion of it.

Mr. Clattenburg asked about the police cruiser bid. Mr. Arrison said that it might be opened this evening. Mr. Fuller asked that the Board decide on its course of action at the next meeting.

Citizens:

Mr. Todd announced the results of a survey he had taken on Election Day. He had 255 completed surveys. Mr. Todd had created the ten-question survey himself.

Mrs. Slade said she was disappointed that review of the animal control ordinance was not on the agenda as she had requested. She said that the dog that had attacked her dog was at large again less than a week after the dog's owner had been instructed by the animal control officer to keep the dog confined. She said she took pictures of the dog and sent them to the appropriate parties, but did not know what action had been taken in response. She said it had not been impounded which she felt was the action that should have been taken. She said she was also upset because she has received no communication regarding this matter from the Town.

4. Review Minutes from previous meeting(s)

Motion: To accept the minutes of November 3rd.

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

Motion: To accept the minutes of October 31st.

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

Motion: To accept the minutes of November 10th.

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

5. Board of Liquor Control Commissioners: Sandri Energy, LLC (dba 32 Route 131): request for Second Class Liquor and Tobacco licenses

Mr. Arrison convened the Board of Liquor Control Commissioners. The Board had a single application to consider – for the Sunoco station. It is a license for the same facility but under a new legal entity.

Motion: To approve the 2nd class liquor and tobacco application presented by Michael Behn, President of Sandri.

Made by: Mr. Clattenburg **Second:** Mr. Boyer

There was discussion regarding the fact that the application combines liquor and tobacco licenses onto a single license. Mr. Fuller mentioned that the school students and the Planning Commission had been working on addressing sale of tobacco in town. Mr. Todd said the Commission had worked on an interim zoning bylaw to address tobacco paraphernalia.

Town Clerk Mrs. Dango said she had not received any notices about problems with this facility.

Vote: Unanimous in favor

6. Award bid for mold remediation in 1879 Perkinsville School House?

Mr. Arrison said that the bid could not be awarded until more test results were received. He said there was a possibility they found some asbestos when Claypoint re-visited the building last Friday. Mr. Arrison said the Town had already paid to have an assessment of all of the hazardous materials in the building and he wanted to know how they missed this. This discussion will be continued at the first meeting in December.

7. FY16 Budget preparation

a. General Fund Budget:

i. Town Clerk

Transfer of funds from vault reserves to income and dog licensing were discussed. The proposed budget shows a decrease in revenues, but a fairly level budget. Computerization of the land records was also discussed.

ii. Listers

There were no listers present to discuss the budget. Mr. Arrison asked about the \$15,000 from reserves for mapping. This item appears in the previous budgets has not yet been spent.

iii. Social Service Agencies up for 5-year appropriation

According to a memo from the Town Manager, there are seven social service agencies that will have to be voted on separately at town meeting. The policy

requires requests be voted on every five years or if an increase is requested. Mr. Clattenburg raised the point that all agency requests were reduced by 20% last year due to budgetary decisions. If each agency wishes to restore their previous baseline amount, it will appear as an increase, which will trigger the policy that they each be voted on separately at town meeting.

b. Highway Budget

Mr. Arrison pointed out that the accountant is working on separating out grants and emergencies from the regular budget.

Mr. Arrison said that the tax revenue side will increase by over \$100,000. Mr. Hazeltine pointed out that the \$80,000 that was put into the FY14 budget from the undesignated fund balance will not be available this time.

Mr. Clattenburg asked why the school doesn't pay for plowing the parking lot at the Perkinsville School.

Mr. Hazeltine said he would like to increase to an 8-man crew. He said he feels very strongly about this. He said work production is off by about 20%-25% because of work force shortage and storms.

Mr. Hudson said there is \$120,000 in the undesignated fund balance and suggested spending \$30,000 on a new truck, putting \$47,000 into the paving reserve and \$30,000 into a new heating system for the highway garage.

Mr. Fuller said he does not support purchasing another loader. He said he would like to put the \$150,000 into paving.

Mr. Fuller asked Mr. Hazeltine if there was sufficient funding in the budget to purchase the supplies he needs. Mr. Hazeltine said yes.

c. Capital Replacement Plan and Long Term Debt Schedule

There have been no changes to the schedule.

Mr. Arrison said he would like to accelerate purchase of a replacement vehicle for the police chief, primarily because the current vehicle still has a reasonable resale value and the current practice of keeping vehicles until they have no value may not be the most effective.

It was agreed to commence the process of getting a new vehicle immediately (if the bid for the Vernon vehicle does not work out) so it can be put before the voters in March and delivery taken immediately thereafter.

8. Request to place article for solar power on Warning for 2015 Town Meeting – Julia Lloyd Wright

Ms. Wright asked that the Board pass over this item tonight. The Board asked that more information be provide with the proposal.

9. Approve documents for lease/purchase of grader

Mr. Arrison said that the Town Attorney has reviewed the lease agreement and considered it "routine verbiage".

Motion: To approve the lease-purchase agreement with Milton-Cat for the new grader.

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

10. Project Updates: These items were tabled to the next meeting.

- a. **Maple Street Reconstruction Project**
- b. **Project for trail access to Town Forest**
- c. **Correspondence regarding appearance of cell tower in Ascutney**

11. Appointments: There were no appointments.

12. Approve Warrants

Motion: To approve the warrants for November 17, 2014 as follow:

General Funds	Operating Expenses	\$37,755.05
	Payroll	\$19,999.01
Highway Fund	Operating Expenses	\$46,465.16
	Payroll	\$13,097.88
Solid Waste Management Fund		
	Operating Expenses	\$1,658.66
	Payroll	\$1,483.25
Library	Operating Expenses	\$163.18
Grants		\$175.00
Agency Monies		\$120.00
Reserves		\$0.00

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

13. Future Meeting Agenda Items

14. Executive Sessions: Contract, Personnel

Motion: To enter executive session for the purpose of discussing contracts and personnel.

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

Motion: To come out of executive session.

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

The Board came out of executive session at 8:50 PM. No action was taken.

15. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Made by: Mr. Clattenburg Second: Mr. Fuller Vote: Unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 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