

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT

SELECT BOARD

Select Board
Meeting
Martin Memorial Hall
5259 Route 5, Ascutney, Vermont
Monday, November 16, 2016
7:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES
APPROVED 12/7/2015

Select Board Members Present: N. John Arrison
Daniel Boyer
Lynn Esty
David Fuller

Jim Mullen, Town Manager

Others Present:

Courtney McKaig	Amy Beth Main	Wes Hazeltine	Mychael Spaulding
Melanie Sheehan	Carl Wyman	Loraine Shand	Josh Dauphin
Courtney Hillhouse	Edith Stillson	Ernest Shand	Tracy Dauphin
Darrin Spaulding	Colin Butler	Michael Barrup	Missy Shand
Heather Shand			

1. Call to Order

Mr. Arrison called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

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

Select Board

There were no comments from the Select Board.

Citizens

There were no comments from citizens.

3. Review minutes from previous meetings – November 2, 2015

Additions/corrections/deletions:

a. Change “Tracy Spaulding” to “Tracy Dauphin” and “Joshua Spaulding” to “Toshya Spaulding”.

Motion: To accept the minutes as corrected.

Made by: Mr. Boyer **Second:** Mrs. Esty

Vote: Unanimous in favor

4. MAPP Presentation/Melanie Sheehan

Ms. Sheehan said that marijuana use may soon be legalized in Vermont. She said that MAPP's primary concern is the commercialization that could occur as result of legalization and how it will affect Vermont towns and villages. She urged the Board to be proactive by setting public policy that reflects the Town's values. MAPP is available to assist in facilitating public discussions and in finding appropriate tools to help with policy-making. The Board may contact the Town's legislators to express local opinion and suggest language for the bill. The Planning Commission is working on an interim zoning bylaw to address drug and tobacco paraphernalia.

5. FY2017 Budget (with Budget Committee)

a. Review Draft FY17 General Fund Budget

b. Review Draft FY17 Capital Budget

The Board reviewed the Police Department budget with Chief Daniels. He said there were no substantial changes to his proposed budget.

The Chief is asking to replace the truck, as it will have 118,000 miles on it by July and is in need of expensive repairs. He would like to replace it with a vehicle that is designed for police work (which the truck is not). He estimates the cost to be around \$38,000. The trade-in value of the truck is about \$5000. There is only \$900 left in the reserve fund.

The Board reviewed the Capital Replacement Plan and Long Term Debt Schedule and discussed possible options.

Mr. Mullen recommended moving replacement of WWVFD Engine 3 out to 2018 because the results of the fire services evaluation won't be available until the 2017 Town Meeting. Mr. Dauphin argued against it. The matter will be discussed at the next Fire Commission meeting with recommendations to follow.

The Board turned to reviewing the General Fund budget. Mr. Mullen noted that the Fire Commission data had not yet been received. Mr. Mullen said he is awaiting data from the Town Clerk and from PACIF. The money to be raised by taxes is down \$24,000 (3%). Funds from surplus could further reduce it.

Mrs. Esty asked about animal control. Mr. Mullen said the Town divides Ms. Sullivan's annual fee by twelve and sends her a check every month. The money set aside for boarding fees is added to her monthly check, as Ms. Sullivan doesn't ever seem to bill us for anything.

The Town administration budget is status quo. The Town Office computers are adequate; the listers may want to purchase a tablet; the Town Clerk may want to purchase a new laptop (to be paid for out of a reserve fund).

Crystal Thibideau had the Town Office internet provider switched from Sovernet to Comcast, saving the Town \$65 per month. The savings are being put toward website development.

No changes to planning and zoning are proposed.

Golden Cross Ambulance would like to renew our contract for another three years at the same price we have been paying them for a number of years.

Mr. Mullen said three capital purchases are possible for next year – fire truck, police cruiser and improvements to the Perkinsville school. Mr. Fuller asked about paving. Mr. Mullen said this can be reviewed in the reserve fund spread sheet. Money can be put in the budget or in a special article. Savings for paving are in the highway maintenance fund – this fund was used for matching funds for Airport Road culverts, etc. It was agreed that the Board needs a better idea of the condition of the paved roads in town to help with planning of highway projects in the future. Mr. Mullen will ask Mr. Hazeltine for the report and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Weathersfield Fire Services Evaluation: Discuss goal of evaluation and directions to consultant

The Board again reviewed the list of goals for the fire services evaluation. After much discussion, the Board removed all of the words after “relationship” in item #1, and all of the words after “calls” in item #3.

Motion: To send this (*Weathersfield Fire Services Evaluation, draft 11/16/2015*, as amended here tonight) as the goals for the consultant, John Wood, for the fire services evaluation.

Made by: Mrs. Esty **Second:** Mr. Boyer

Vote: Unanimous in favor

There will be no conference call.

7. Discontinuance of Transfer Station Electronic Waste Collection – Update

Mr. Mullen said there will a conference call on Friday with all of the municipal ewaste providers that want to participate to learn what is going to happen and get suggestions. He said he will have more to report at the next meeting. He said he learned from Tyler

(at the Transfer Station) some people took their ewaste home (after learning about the current situation), but two people paid to have their waste disposed of.

Mr. Fuller said he had talked to Tyler and Tyler expressed concern about people from out of Town and out of State coming in with trucks and dumping their recyclables on us – with no sticker. He said it is a significant amount. Mr. Fuller said the Board should develop a policy for stickers for commercial use. (A sticker is not required for recyclable disposal.) Mr. Mullen said he has asked the staff at the station to keep track of the number of vehicles that come in without a sticker, how many use the recycling facility and how many throw away trash. In the first three days of tracking, there were nine cars that recycled without stickers and three of those threw away trash (at double punch price). Mr. Mullen would like the Board to adopt a policy that requires everyone to have a sticker to drop off recyclables (since it is now costing the Town to get rid of recyclables). Mr. Fuller said that commercial haulers charge their customers to have their recyclables collected, then they dispose of them at the transfer station for free (at the Town's expense). He recommended creating a commercial sticker. Mr. Arrison asked Mr. Mullen to find out if this is happening in other towns and how they are dealing with it.

8. Town Manager Search Process

Mr. Arrison said that last Thursday at a properly warned meeting of the Select Board, the Board had made the following motion: “To avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest, no town manager candidate be allowed to participate in the selection and appointment process for the town manager position.” It was passed unanimously.

Motion: To rescind the above-referenced motion.

Made by: Mr. Boyer **Second:** Mrs. Esty

Vote: Unanimous in favor

9. Rewrite of Large Gathering Permit Ordinance (Second Reading)

Motion: To table to the next meeting on December 7, 2015.

Made by: Mrs. Esty **Second:** Mr. Boyer

Vote: Unanimous in favor

10. Appointments

a. Budget Committee (Two Openings) – Mike Todd

Motion: To appoint Michael Todd to the budget committee.

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

Vote: Unanimous in favor

11. Approve Warrants

Motion: To approve the warrants for November 16, 2015as follow:

General Funds	Operating Expenses	\$75,777.45
	Payroll	\$12,810.03
Highway Fund	Operating Expenses	\$40,469.24
	Payroll	\$8,617.75
Solid Waste Management Fund		
	Operating Expenses	\$6,039.61
	Payroll	\$1,099.70
Library	Operating Expenses	\$0.00
Grants	Operating Expenses	\$1,060.86
Agency Monies	Operating Expenses	\$651.84
Reserves		\$325.00

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

Vote: Unanimous in favor

12. Future Meeting Agenda Items**13. Executive Session: Personnel (Not needed)****14. Adjourn**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

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

Vote: Unanimous in favor

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 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

Lynn Esty, Selector