

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT

SELECT BOARD

Select Board  
Martin Memorial Hall  
5259 Route 5  
7:00 PM, JANUARY 19, 2015  
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES  
APPROVED 2/2/2015

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

Alan Hudson  
George Lamb  
Mike Todd  
Edith Stillson  
Ernest Shand  
Phil Neuhaus  
Tyler Waters  
Julia Lloyd Wright  
Lynn Esty

Darrin Spaulding  
Tom Kennedy  
Jeness Burns  
Josh Dauphin  
Tracey Dauphin

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Arrison called the meeting order at 7:00PM.

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

**Select Board:** Mr. Clattenburg complimented the highway crew for their excellent roadwork this winter.

**Citizens:** Michael Todd, chair of the Planning Commission, said that Velco representatives had met with the Planning Commission regarding the upcoming line work between Ascutney and Cavendish. Mr. Mullen said that he has invited Velco representatives to speak to the Select Board at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**3. Review Minutes from previous meeting(s)**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of January 5, 2015 as presented.

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

**4. New laws and trends regarding solid waste and recycling – Tom Kennedy**

Tom Kennedy, Director of Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, presented upcoming changes in the laws regarding universal recycling. As of July 1, 2015, recyclables must be accepted at no charge and are banned from landfills. He predicts a 25% reduction in income from the sale of recyclable commodities and recommended offsetting the loss of income by increasing the trash disposal fee. All residential trash charges must be based on volume or weight after July 1, 2015. Municipalities must provide containers for certain recyclables alongside trash containers in public places.

**5. FY 16 Budget preparation**

**a. Solid Waste Budget**

The board reviewed and discussed the proposed solid waste fund budget. The per parcel charge will increase from \$33 to \$35; punch tickets will increase from \$2.50 to \$3.25/punch under the proposed budget. Operator and attendant hours will increase from 24 hours per week to 27 and 26, respectively. No action was taken.

**b. Tax Rate Projection**

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The board discussed the timing of ordering a new police cruiser and making loan payments for repairs to the 1879 Perkinsville Schoolhouse (if both articles pass). The consensus was (1) to borrow funds for mold remediation only (as the price is only valid until April) and include a line item of \$5750 representing the first payment on that loan and (2) to purchase a police cruiser immediately after Town Meeting with the first payment being due in July.

The board agreed to replace \$2500 in the line item for the Town Manager search.

Mr. Shand requested 1 ½ cents for the library reserve fund (\$45,000) in place of the 2 cents that was originally requested. He cited a 16% increase in library activity since 2012 and a mold issue in the basement of the library building as the reason for the request.

**Motion:** To keep Article 17 at \$30,000 (1 cent on the tax rate) for the library reserve fund.

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

**c. Highway Fund Budget**

The board discussed the idea of adding an 8<sup>th</sup> person to the highway crew. The position would be funded by last year's fund balance, which could mean that the position would be at risk of being eliminated next year for lack of funds. The eventual consensus was to leave the crew at 7 members and provide an extra \$35,000 for Mr. Hazeltine to use as he sees fit during the course of the fiscal year.

**d. Capital Replacement Plan and Long Term Debt Schedule**

No changes were made.

**e. Reserve Funds (including funding for grant-funded highway projects)**

No changes were made.

**f. General Fund Budget**

As was discussed earlier, \$2500 was reinstated to the line for the Town Manager search.

**6. Preparation for Town Meeting 2015**

**a. Review draft Warning for 2015 Town Meeting**

The draft warning was reviewed and discussed. Because of a vote by the Town in 2003, the meeting must start at 6:30 PM. However, the informational hearing on the fire truck bond vote can start at 6:00 PM. Article 6 on the warning will ask the voters to consider moving the informational meeting to the Saturday preceding Town Meeting Day.

**b. Review draft Warning for Special Town Meeting regarding the fire truck bond vote**

There was much discussion over the words, "...public good or necessity demands..." at the beginning of the bond resolution. Mr. Mullen assured the board that the language is a statutory requirement.

**Motion:** To sign the bond resolution.

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

**Motion:** To adopt the warning for the special bond vote

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

**Motion:** To warn a public informational hearing regarding a fire truck bond vote for Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Weathersfield School.

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

**Motion:** To approve the declaration of official intent of the Town of Weathersfield to reimburse certain expenditures from proceeds of indebtedness

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

- c. Review time line leading up to 2015 Town Meeting and Special Bond Meeting
  - a. Set next meeting date for 6:45 PM on Tuesday, 1/27/15

7. Approve VTrans Annual (2015) Certificate of Highway Mileage

Motion: To accept and submit the 2015 Certificate of Highway Mileage (add 0.24 mi. Class 3 highway; subtract 0.27 mi. Class 4 highway).

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

8. Approval Annual Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards

Motion: To certify that the Town of Weathersfield has reviewed, understands, and complies with the Town Road and Bridge Standards passed and adopted by the Select Board on February 24, 2014 and to further certify that the adopted standards meet or exceed the minimum requirements included in the January 23, 2013 VTrans template.

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

9. Award bid for 0.85 mile Baltimore Road culvert project

Motion: To award a contract to A.S. Clark & Sons for the lump sum of \$171,176.00 plus \$115/cubic yard for boulder removal (if encountered) and \$120/cubic yard for ledge removal (if encountered) to replace the 0.85 Mile Culvert on Baltimore Road, as described in the Town’s 12/5/14 “Request for Bids to Replace the 0.85 Mile Culvert on Baltimore Road,” and A.S. Clark & Sons’ 1/14/15 “Bid Response,” subject to the condition that A.S. Clark & Sons provide the Town with a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract price, a Certificate of Insurance, and a signed Acknowledgement of Arbitration.

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

10. Project Updates (Due to the lateness of the hour, updates were not given, except for item E.)

- A. Maple Street Reconstruction Project
- B. Project for trail access to Town Forest
- C. Correspondence regarding appearance of cell tower in Ascutney
- D. Well at Highway Garage
- E. Phelan estate

Mr. Mullen has been appointed administrator of the Phelan estate.

11. Appointments:

No appointments were made.

12. Approve Warrants

Motion: To approve the warrants for January 19, 2015 as follow:

General Funds	Operating Expenses	\$28,831.14
	Payroll	\$19,017.58
Highway Fund	Operating Expenses	\$25,440.16
	Payroll	\$16,842.03
Solid Waste Management Fund		
	Operating Expenses	\$5,408.09
	Payroll	\$2,152.86
Library	Operating Expenses	\$8.70

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Grants \$0.00

Agency Monies \$0.00

Reserves \$0.00

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

13. Future Meeting Agenda Items

14. Executive Session

Motion: To enter executive session to discuss selection of the recipient of the Town Service Award for 2013-2014 and a personnel matter. Mr. Mullen and Ms. Burns were asked to join the executive session.

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

The board came out of executive session at 9:34 PM. No action was taken.

15. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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N. John Arrison, Chairperson

Daniel E. Boyer, Vice-Chairperson

David T. Fuller, Selector

C. Peter Cole, Selector

Richard N. Clattenburg, Selector