

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00pm
Castleton Fire Department
273 VT - 30
Bomoseen, VT 05732**

PRESENT: Jim Leamy, Chair; Richard Combs, Vice Chair; Zach Holzworth, Secretary; Robert Spaulding, Member; Joseph Mark, Parliamentarian; Michael Jones, Town Manager; Laura Sargent, Recording Secretary

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Leamy at 7:14pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Leamy led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to approve the Select Board minutes for 06/22/2020 with corrections. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion.

Corrections are as followed

1. Page 2 \$ are missing and need to be added.
2. Crushing Bid award change 59,5550 to \$59,500
3. Page 4. Line 19 replace the word recording with a recommendation.
4. Under Independence day Banner: Two were against three were in favor motion passed, Should state Mr. Holzworth, Mr. Mark and Mr. Spaulding were in favor. Mr. Leamy and Mr. Combs were against. The vote was Three to Two the motion passed.
5. Under Warrants for approval the warrant #0618 the amount to be corrected to \$1,653,055.93
6. On Page 2 under heating oil bid it should also state Mr. Holzworth second the motion.

Mr. Leamy asked if motion with corrections are excepted. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

East Crystal haven road:

Patty Ryan stated East Crystal haven road is open during the winter for plowing, but not the summer and they are finding that the bigger trucks are having to back out because there is no way for them to turn around and would like to see the road open during the summer.

John Burns stated he sees garbage trucks and delivery trucks that are forced to back up and feels that this is a safety issue with residents and children walking on the road. Mr. Burns feels that no one was consulted that the closure of the road was due to a few residents' complaints and feels that what he sees happening is dangerous.

Mr. Leamy stated it was closed due to prior wishes of residents, and that there was a compromise with residents that it would be open during the winter for plowing as long as it was closed during the summer.

Mr. Leamy, Mr. Spaulding and Mr. Jones all suggested that Mr. Burns and Mrs. Ryan to speak with other residents and see if they could get a petition so all residents in the area have a say before consideration. Mr. Burns and Mrs. Ryan are going to speak to other residents and see and possibly at a later date present the board with a petition to consider.

Mandatory Mask wearing in the town:

Mary Moloid stated she feels during this time of a pandemic that everyone in town should be required to wear a mask while shopping or walking through town and that it is a health and safety hazard not to. Mary is uncomfortable going into a business where customers or employees are not required to wear masks.

Mr. Mark stated he personally supports Mary's issue but it ultimately comes down to sentiment of the business owners and that Mary speaks to each business and gets their opinions on the mask wearing. Mr. Mark also stated that due to the fact that Mary is uncomfortable entering the businesses that she contacts them by telephone.

POLICE UPDATE MAY & JUNE:

Mr. Spaulding noted that in the month of May and June 2020 that one tow company received all the towing jobs and would like clarification on as to why this is occurring.

Mr. Mark stated that the rotation seems unbalanced.

Mr. Jones stated it could be who was available at that time. He will follow up and get the information for the board.

BID AWARD FOR WINTER SAND:

Mr. Leamy stated the board received two bids for winter sand, with pick up of sand and delivery of sand.

Mr. Spaulding asked Town manager Mr. Jones for recommendation. Mr. Jones feels that the town would have to make too many trips to pick up the sand, putting the limited crew the town has traveling instead of where work needs to be done and that in the long run may not be cost effective.

Mr. Mark made a motion to approve Bid Quote #1) 3,000 cu. Yds. winter sand delivered from Stan Martelle Sand and Gravel/ Martelle Trucking price per cubic yd: \$13.00 total \$48,000.00. Mr. Holzworth Second the motion. All were in Favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Spaulding and Mr. Holzworth would like to see a price comparison of delivery versus pickup of sand, Mr. Jones will get those numbers together.

MHG SOLAR PREFERRED SITE LETTER: SIGNING:

Mr. Spaulding made a motion to authorize the chairman of the select board to sign the MHG Solar form Re: Designation of the Staso Road solar project.

Mr. Holzworth second the motion.

All were in favor and the motion passed.

MANAGERS UPDATE:

Mr. Jones read action needed: Town managers report Page 6. 10b Based on the availability of the end of the year surplus, approve the assignment from the FY-19-20 budget for assignment into FY 20-21 for the sole purpose of aerial and ground ladder testing. Further approve this expenditure with bidder (contractor) Mistras Asset Protection Solutions to conduct the tests at their earliest convenience, but not to exceed June 30, 2021.

Mr. Spaulding made a motion to award bid to Mistras Asset Protection Solutions. Mr. Holzworth second the motion. Mr. Combs Recused himself.

All others were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Jones read action needed: Town Managers report Page 7 Does the SB support exploring the possibilities of expanding municipal sewer services to areas along Route 4A and Route 30, as a start. Water, sewer, reliable internet, cell phone signal coverage, good roads, and three-phase power are some key components to a healthy community which is set up for population growth and business development. I don't believe that status quo will help the Town grow and develop. Therefore, I ask the Select Board to decide what direction you want to lead the town. Do you want me to start working with the CDERAC and PC to pull in one direction for the benefit of those who do not enjoy municipal services, reliable internet, paved roads, and good cell phone service.

Mr. Mark asked that whatever plans and proposals come forth with cost benefit numbers.

SELECT BOARD COMETS & CONCERNS:

Mr. Mark asked Mr. Holzworth about information from the Transfer station. Mr. Holzworth stated he talked to Mark Shay and he was told they didn't have it. Mr. Spaulding stated they should have a detailed record. Mr. Holzworth will have Mark Shay contact Mr. Spaulding

Mr. Spaulding asked Mr. Jones about Mary lane extension if he was aware that it belonged to Castleton and why are we not doing anything with that road. Mr. Jones is aware and there are plans for that road that are on the docket.

PURCHASE ORDER S FOR APPROVAL:

Mr. Mark made a motion for Purchase order #045184 for 2 Dual KA In-car Radar and 2 Mounting Brackets. Mr. Holzworth second the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved

WARRANTS FOR APPROVAL:

Mr. Combs Made a motion to approve

Warrant #0713R in the amount of \$46,433.05,

Warrant #0713 in the amount of \$154,316.74,

Warrant #0709 in the amount of \$28,134.80,

Warrant #0629 in the amount of \$6,217.27,

Warrant #0709P in the amount of \$17,513.85,

Warrant #0702P in the amount of \$19128.64,

Warrant #0625P in the amount of \$16,773.65

Mr. Holzworth second the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to approve

Warrant #0710P in the amount of \$687.38,

Warrant #0703P in the amount of \$678.15,

Warrant #0626P in the amount of \$678.15

Mr. Mark second the motion, Mr. Combs recused himself. All others were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to approve

Warrant #0712 in the amount of \$221.89,

Warrant #0704P in the amount of \$181.01

Mr. Spaulding second the motion. Mr. Leamy Recused himself. All others were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Session:

Mr. Holzworth made amotion to go into executive session to discuss real estate Mr.Combs Second the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Mark made a motion to exit executive session at 8:38 with no action taken. Mr. Holzworth second the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Spaulding moved to enter into executive session for personal at 8:39. Mr. Holzworth second the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr.Holzworth moved to exit executive session at 8:59 with no action taken.Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Spaulding made a motion to appoint Dan Forcier to the DRB effective immediately for a 1 year term expiring on 06/30/2020. Mr. Combs second the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Mark made a motion to adjourn at 9:01. Mr. Combs second the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.