

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.
Castleton Town Office
263 VT – 30
Bomoseen, VT 05732**

PRESENT: Jim Leamy, Chair; Richard Combs, Vice Chair; Zack Holzworth, Secretary; Joseph Mark, Select Board Parliamentarian; Robert Spaulding, Member; Michael Jones, Town Manager; Jonas Rosenthal; James McSweeney; Brian Sales; Ed Savage; Andrew Vermilyea; Pat Keller, Pat Shroeder; Pam Arel; and other friends of the Castleton Free Library.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair, Mr. Leamy at 7:29 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to accept the minutes of 11.23.2020 Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion.

Mr. Mark noted correction on page one: Devon Neary is the correct spelling, Page 2 5th line: "Therefore" not "there fore". Page 3: corrections Technology concerns were for the Select Board meeting not the Town Clerk.

Mr. Spaulding questioned on page 2 the address of a DRB member. Page 3 warrant 1123 should read for a two-month period, not one-month period.

All were in favor with above corrections and the motion passed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: none

FOOD WASTE ALTERNATIVES:

Andy Vermilyea discusses composting of food scraps in partnership with Castleton University. The cost of getting rid of your food scraps has risen. One option is an aerated static pile. Concrete bays are required. The university currently pays \$10,000 per year to get rid of food waste. The Town also pays a similar amount. James McSweeney, Composting Consultant for the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, talks about the Wind Roe windrow System which forces air through the pile to facilitate composting, reduces pathogens and requires less manpower (no turning).

Mr. Mark requested a specific proposal which breaks down the costs. Mr. Spaulding wants to know how do others charge for this? Rutland charges \$1.00 per gallon, Lamoille \$50.00 for a cubic yard. Looking to discuss further with more detail, costs, sources for funds, student involvement etc.

VCDP GRANT AWARD: NANCY MARK, CASTLETON FREE LIBRARY CHAIR

The grant was awarded in the amount of \$100,000.00. Nancy is very grateful for the Select Board's help as well as Town Manager Michael Jones, Zoning Administrator Jonas Rosenthal & the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Without this help the grant would not have been possible. Now our Town Library's main floor will be accessible to all people. Everyone's hard work, support and generosity is acknowledged.

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER & HEALTH OFFICER RE-APPOINTMENT

Mr. Leamy defers to Vice Chairman Dick Combs regarding the health officer appointments of 3 years. Mr. Leamy submitted his letter of interest to be re-appointed as Health Officer with a term expiring January 31, 2024. Joe Bruno also submitted his letter of interest to be re-appointed as Deputy Health Officer with a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Leamy as Health Officer to another 3-year term. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Mark made a motion to re-appoint Joe Bruno as Deputy Health Officer to another 3-year term. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed

(Mr Leamy recused himself from both votes regarding appointment Town Manager is to sign the re-appointment forms and submit to the Department of Health.

BETTER CONNECTIONS GRANT

Jonas Rosenthal, Zoning Administrator discussed re-applying for the Better Connections Grant. Mr. Mark made a motion to adopt the resolution for the Better Connections Grant. Mr. Holzworth Seconded, all in favor and the motion passed.

BETTER PLACES GRANT

Mr. Spaulding made a motion to allow the Town Manager to pursue the Better Places Grant. Mr. Holzworth seconded, all in favor and the motion passed.

LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to pursue the Local Hazard Mitigation Grant. Mr. Spaulding seconded, all in favor and the motion passed.

2021-2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to approve the FYE 2022 budget in the amount of \$3,428,822.00 (increase of .3%) Mr. Mark seconded. Z.H., D.C., J.M. voted in favor. B.S., J.L voted against. The Budget is approved 3 to 2.

WARRANTS FOR APPROVAL

Mr Combs made a motion to approve the following warrants:

1214R \$650.00, 1214 \$191,431.98, 1210 \$27,702.74, 1130 \$30.00, 1125 \$6,482.60, 1210p \$15,134.10, 1203P \$15,905.48, 1125P \$14,381.61. Mr. Spaulding seconded, all in favor and the motion passed.

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Mr. Spaulding made a motion to approve the following warrants: 1211P \$692.42, 1204P \$692.42, 1120P 694.76. Mr. Holzworth seconded. Mr Combs recused himself. All in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Spaulding made a motion to enter Executive Session for potential litigation at 9:04p.m. Mr. Mark seconded, all in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to exit executive session at 9:07p.m. with no action taken.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to adjourn at 9:08p.m. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Stewart