

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OFFICE
Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7pm**

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

OTHERS: (Via Zoom): Chief Mantello,Professor David Blow and Media and Communication Students Of (Castleton Spartan newspaper). Sean Steves,Tim Munks

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Leamy at 7:05pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: October 12, 2020

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2020 with corrections. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

1. Under Managers report- Mr. Mark made a motion to sell the 1990 Ford Dump Truck. Mr. Holzworth seconded the motion for discussion. Mr. Leamy called for a vote. The vote passed 3 to 2. Mr. Combs and Mr. Holzworth against.
2. Under the Executive session each motion to go into the executive session should have stated; with the Town Manager.

WELCOME:

Mr. Leamy welcomed Professor David Blow and the Media & Communications Students from Castleton College. Mr. Leamy and the Selectboard gave their congratulations to Professor Blow and Media & Communication Students of the Spartan Newspaper for their recent recognition by the College Media Association, having received second place reward in a large competition.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Chief Mantello addressed the Select Board and went over the election plan with considerations for Covid-19. Chief Mantello updated the board on the Covid Resolution, there have been only 3 tickets issued since the Covid Resolutions and for parties that were being held and it was 3 separate events.

DRB APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to appoint Laura Sargent to replace Joe Mark in his seat on the DRB expiring June 30th of 2021 and appoint Sean Steves and Joe Mark for a 1 year alternate seat. Mr. Mark recused himself. The vote was 3 to 1 with Mr. Combs against. The motion passed.

OTTER CREEK COMMUNICATION UNION DISTRICT (CUD):

Tim Munks addressed the board regarding Broadband Innovation Grant and Communication Union Districts. Funded through bonds and customers. The Broadband Innovation Grant program was launched on August 6, 2019 to help communities conduct feasibility studies and create business plans related to

the deployment of broadband in rural, unserved and underserved areas of Vermont. RRPC was awarded the full grant for a feasibility study in July 2020.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion for the Town of Castleton to join Otter Creek C.U.D. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to appoint Mr. Munks to represent the Town of Castleton for the Otter Creek C.U.D. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

BETTER ROADS GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR \$14,000.00 LITTLE RUTLAND ROAD:

Mr. Mark made a motion for the Select Board to accept the Better Roads Grant in the amount of \$14,200.00 for work on the upper section of Little Rutland Road. Mr. Holzworth seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

WINTER SALT PRICING AND VENDOR SELECTION:

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to award winter salt bid to Apalachee Salt Company for \$70.00 per ton for 1,000 tons in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 with the stipulation that more salt can be purchased this winter at the same price per ton. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

STORMWATER SCOPING STUDY FOR STASO ROAD:

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to approve MSK Engineers as the consultant to perform the Staso Road Stormwater Scoping Study. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

SIGNATURE FOR CORRECTED WARRANT FOR HOMESTEAD TAX RATE: REVISED BILL POST SCHOOL BUDGET APPROVAL:

Mr. Combs made a motion to approve and sign the Warrant for the Corrected Homestead tax Rate that is dated October 26, 2020 for taxes paid on or before the 30th day of June, 2021. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Mr. Combs made a motion to allow the additional expenses associated with stormwater mitigation on Transfer Station property be funded from the unused portion of the already encumbered money from last fiscal year rather than from the operating budget, not to exceed \$15,000.00. Mr. Holzworth seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PURCHASE ORDERS FOR APPROVAL:

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to approve purchase order #045848 to Competitive Computing for 4 Panasonic Toughbooks in an amount not to exceed \$14,334.68 which is 100% reimbursed by the Homeland Security Grant. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

WARRANTS FOR APPROVAL:

Mr. Combs made a motion to approve Warrants #1026 in the amount of \$368,693.75

#1022 in the amount of \$207,691.07

#1015 in the amount of \$6,803.49

#1022P in the amount of \$16,332.44

#1015P in the amount of \$16,747.47

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

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to approve Warrants

#1023P in the amount of \$694.76

#1015P in the amount of \$694.76

Mr. Combs recused himself. Mr. Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

SELECTBOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Mr. Spaulding brought to the Select Board's attention that the Transfer station paid over \$23,106.00 in Rutland County Solid Waste District surcharges in 2019-2020. If the Town of Castleton belonged to the Solid Waste Alliance communities the whole town would have paid that amount not just the Transfer station.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to go into executive session for real estate with Selectboard and the Town Manager. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to come out of executive session for real estate with no action taken. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to go into executive session for personnel at 8:11pm with selectboard only. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:36 with no action taken. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Mark made a motion to appoint Liz Mackay to a two year term on the Planning Commission to expire June 30th, 2022 and Frank Johnson to a 1 year term on the Planning Commission to expire June 30th, 2021. Mr. Holzworth seconded the motion.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion that the Town Manager or the Town Managers Assistant send a letter to the 3 ex-Planning Commission members Val Waldren, John Pantello, Janet Currie to inquire if they are interested in seeking reappointment and if so request that they submit a letter or email of interest prior to November 6th, 2020 by 4pm. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Combs made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Holzworth seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.