

**Town of Castletown
Select Board Meeting
Minutes of August 11th, 2014
Town Offices**

Members Present: Thomas Ettori, John Hale, Richard Combs, Joe Bruno

Member not present: Bob Spaulding

Other present: Charles Jacien, see attached list

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman J. Bruno with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for Approval – July 28th, 2014

Motion to approve the minutes of July 8th by J. Hale. Seconded by T. Ettori.

J. Hale noted that on page 6 in the paragraph that starts, "J. Hale stated that the Planning Commission is suggesting...." Line three (3) should be intervener not "interim veneers".

Vote on the Motion

All in favor of approving the minutes as amended.

Warrants for Approval

MOTION

T. Ettori made a motion to approve warrant 0811R for \$966.62; 0811 for \$50,388.75; 0731 for \$6,432.34, 0731P for \$13,797.90; 0807P for \$12,949.48. Seconded by J. Hale. All in favor. So voted.

T. Ettori made a motion to approve warrant 0731.1P for \$565.00 and 0807.1P for \$565.00. Seconded by J. Hale.

Vote on Motion:

R. Combs abstained. All others were in favor. So voted.

Listers Update

Matt Krajieski spoke on progress of reappraisal pictures being taken for the town. He states that one or two pictures will be taken of all houses in the town. J. Bruno asked Matt if he has ever done this work for towns with a CLA over 90%. He responded that he does not believe he ever has. J. Bruno stated that our CLA is 91.3%. K. Miller stated that she would look into what the CLA was when appraisal was initiated.

MOTION

T. Ettori made a motion to increase the contract price to a total of \$ 173,800.00. Seconded by J. Hale. R. Combs, J. Hale, T. Ettori voted in favor, J. Bruno voted no. Motion carries.

POLICE UPDATE

Deputy Police Chief Dechen reported that the Dept. has been very busy and only has five working officers. Officer Stevens is presently out of work. Deputy Chief requested to pull out the speed check cart due to the upcoming return of college students and the completing of Main Street construction.

President Wolk of CSC has offered to buy 2 new Police Vests (body armor) and 2 more in the future. The life use of a vest is about 5 years and the dept. is in need of new ones. There is a cost savings of \$3500.00 to the town. Last year a coalition was established consisting of our Police Dept., CSC Public Safety, State liquor control, RAT coalition and the State Dept. of Health and Safety. There was approximately an 80% reduction of drinking parties and general misbehavior last year and are looking forward to the same or better results this year. Deputy Chief Dechen will present a police vehicle assessment at the next meeting.

556 MAIN STREET

Auction will take place on September 30 @ 11:00am. If it does not sell the auctioneer will be paid \$3200.00.

MOTION

R. Combs made a motion to accept auctioneers contract contingent upon "independent opinion of title". Seconded by T. Etori. All in favor. So voted.

FUTURE TOWN

J. Bruno would like to see one more public hearing on the future town offices. He would like to see a vote on the March ballot so the town can move forward with this issue. He noted that the 3 acre Moore parcel located next to medical center would allow another access to town offices, as it stands they are sharing entrance with the medical center.

J. Hale stated that there has been enough input to move ahead. He stated there is a plan and a cost estimate. We could call for a bond vote.

Citizens' Concerns

None

MANAGERS UPDATE

Set Sewer Rate and Interest Rate for delinquent: The proposed rate includes a \$40,000 by down from the reserve of approximately \$570,000. Most of the remainder will be used for the Rte. 30 sewer line project. Easements and permits are being sought in preparation for bidding and construction.

The interest rate should reflect the interest rate for delinquent taxes that was just readjusted down at Town Meeting.

River Street: M & W Soils is scheduled to do core samples in the next 2 weeks. The highway crew will begin ditching on the south side of the road in anticipation of driveway culverts up stream.

Beam and Gump Roads: Reviews of the town files are enclosed. It seems that a survey of Gump Road to be done and public hearings need to be held to update these roads. This should be done for the April certification.

Seminary Street Drainage: The property highlighted on the map is experiencing basement flooding because the storm drain is backing up. The line at the outfall was explored however, no blockage was observed, and during recent storms, there is flow through the pipe. A-1 has been contracted to video the entire line to confirm where there may be a problem.

Fire District #1: The Town is in receipt of the \$25,000 that was promised for Main Street paving. The contractor is in the process of renovations, the highway supervisor is inspecting this work. After the one-year warranty period, the town should overlay the entire road with .5 inches of asphalt for these few blocks. The payment from the district should be adequate for this work.

CSC Promise and Follow through: During the Act 250 process for the new dormitory on South Street the college promised an annual contribution to the emergency services, (fire, police and first responders) of \$10,000. CSC did pay the town in January of 2011 and August of 2012, no other payments have been made to date. In a recent conversation, CSC indicated that they would not be making any further contributions because of their current financial situation. CSC did promise that they are still obligated for half of the Cresi storm sewer. This promise was made during the Act 250 process for the maintenance building and pavilion.

C. Jacien stated that the interest rate for late charges (sewer) needed to set.

MOTION

T. Etti made a motion to set an interest of 0.75% for late sewer charges. Seconded by J. Hale. All in favor. So voted.

J. Bruno noted that the delinquent tax has been reduced to help the people of Castleton.

C. Jacien reported that the monies have been moved to the Bond Bank and they will start making payments from the account. He states that the authorized agents to sign checks are the Town Manager, Town Accountant AND/OR Town Treasurer.

MOTION

J. Hale made a motion to have at least 2 out of the 3 agents sign the requisition forms. Seconded by T. Etti.

Motion amended by J. Hale to have all receipts authorized by Board of Selectman. Seconded by T. Etti. All in favor. So voted.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION

T. Ettori made a motion to pay the auctioneer company, P.O. # 05848, for 556 Main Street. Seconded by J. Hale. All in favor. So voted.

MOTION

T. Ettori made a motion to amend Lister change for the property at 2018 Drake Road from \$2000.00 to \$3000.00. Seconded by J. Hale. All in favor. So voted.

SELECT BOARD CONCERNS

J. Hale wanted a motion made to reappoint two DRB board members whose terms had ended. C. Jacien will put this on the agenda for next meeting. He also stated that there are no road signs either north or south bound on Rte. 30 which notifies you of the Float Bridge Rd. intersection, the state has been notified. He also had a concern regarding garbage cans on Float Bridge. J. Bruno said that putting them there would bring more problems and people would use them to deposit household garbage. We should enforce the NO LITTERING laws that we have. The issue of reassigning dock space for owners whose present dock space is not usable was brought up, J. Bruno stated that property owners have their assigned dock spaces and it should be left that way.

R. Combs stated that the building committee had decided that they would negotiate with Millbrook Construction in the amount of \$1.189 million. There are a couple of things we are not comfortable with. He continued stating that he would talk with John Berryhill.

H. Goyette stated that he has not contacted Todd Boutwell yet about his proposal for removal of the trees.

Executive Session – Legal, Personnel or Real Estate (if necessary)

MOTION

Motion to enter executive session for real estate with board and Town manager at 9:00 pm made by J. Hale. Seconded by R. Combs. All in favor. So voted.

MOTION

Motion to exit executive session at 9:05 pm with no action taken by J Hale. Seconded by T. Ettori. All voted in favor. So voted.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 9:06 pm by R. Combs. Seconded by J. Hale. All voted in favor. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted

Valerie Waldron

Date of Approval