

TOWN OF CASTLETON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Minutes November 12, 2018
TOWN OFFICE

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Combs, R. Spaulding, Z. Holzworth, J. Leamy, J Bruno

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Jones Town Manager, Prof. D Blow and class.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Joe Bruno at 7:00pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Joe Bruno made a motion to approve the agenda. Approved. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10-22-2018

MOTION: J Leamy requested clarification about the DRB appointment of B Longtin for one year. He recounted that his intention was to vote no. Jim watched the PegTV as follow up and was unable to determine how his vote was interpreted. J Bruno noted that they will re-vote with all 5 members present tonight. Motion to approve the minutes as written and board will vote again with all 5 members present under select board concerns.

R Combs expressed concern that how each member votes should be reflected in the minutes. Karen notes this and will be more specific in future minutes.

Acceptance of employee resignation

J Leamy makes a motion to accept Mark Shaw's resignation as assistant operator at the WWTF. Zack seconds the motion. There is no discussion. All those in favor. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments

No comments.

Managers Update

Transfer Station:

The containers are now on site. Electrical issues: Dan Gray made some recommendations how to solve the issue for the winter.

Water quality project/ conservation district: project completed. Our share was in kind work.

Flow/ Future Layout: J Bruno suggests a site visit. And it would be good to utilize the right side.

Highway Garage

Undermining around doors and excavation around the back show cracked blocks. Reached out to Carrara Engineering on Stage Road to assess and evaluate. Inside will be painted by the Dept of Corrections under Scott Stevens once the structural work is complete.

Sewer Project

Meeting 11-13. Project Complete. Meeting with J Booth, Belden's, Don Haddock to talk about overages since project had some unforeseen issues. There was contingency money.

Winter prep:

Paul McLure will service boilers at all sites in the next two weeks. There is however an issue with the WWTF. Sam's U Save quoted \$3,116 for replacement and maintenance of boiler at WWTF. McLure's can do the work for \$1,185. Paul will be the contact since he doesn't hunt and is more available.

Zoning & Assessor

Manager has been taking Jonas around on-site visits. There is an ongoing issue on Drake Road and they are working to communicate with both parties to provide resolution.

Tax maps are being updated. Darcy is working out well sharing time between Assessor and Zoning.

Grants in aid: storm drains in village need work. Old Slate. Crumbling insides. The volume of water that comes down from the college is too much for the system to handle. Slate storm drains need to be assessed and determine how to replace. J Bruno suggested that the college be contacted regarding partnership in solution.

Budget Schedule

Approved 01-07-2019

Signed by the Select Board 01-21-2019

Select board meeting schedule adjusted for holidays: December 3rd, 10th, 17th

Manager is meeting with department heads this week. By 11/26 select board meeting manager will have budget info together.

Float Bridge

Taconic will finish the float bridge project next fall. J Bruno suggests a meeting with the engineer and contractor before the spring.

Handout: copy of the draft Hudson Waste agreement. Please review for discussion at another meeting.

Select Board Comments:

R Spaulding apologizes to class for referring to them as kids.

Revote: Move to appoint B Longtin to a 1-year term. Votes in Favor: JB, RS, RC. Votes against: JL ZH
Motion Carries.

Constable budget: JL discusses percentage increase for part time and full-time employees. 2% for all part time and 3% for all full time as of July 1. The constables are essentially asking for a 4% increase and were granted a 7% increase in 2015-16. JL believes this is not fair to other employees. Suggests a re-vote and predicts that the revote will go 3/2 and pass. J Bruno makes a comment that the difference between the constables and other departments is that they are elected officials. Also, once constables have spent their budget, they are still constables even after their budget has been spent. Si has been our constable for over 40 years and is the longest serving constable in the state of Vermont. J Bruno supports the request for this raise. J Bruno emphasizes the difference between an elected official and an employee. Zack wants to know why we are having this conversation now when we set the budget in December. J Bruno states that we only have control over the budget amount not the fees and services. There is confusion in the discussion about setting the budget vs setting services and fees. J Bruno tries to move the discussion along. J Leamy references 24 V.S.A. §§ 932, 933 from VLCT. Elected officials cannot

obligate the select board to put in a certain hourly rate. JL emphasizes the responsibility of all departments to ensure their budget doesn't run out.

Constable presents that in the budget presented was 19\$ per hour for services and fees. The voters approved that budget. Motion is made to re-vote on the constable's rate of 19\$ per hour. In favor: JB, RC, RS. Opposed: JL, ZH Motion carries 3-2.

Purchase order for approval

MOTION: R Combs made a motion to approve purchase order #042476 to Brookfield Service for 1-year preventative maintenance in the amount of \$2952.00. All those in favor. Motion carries.

Warrants for approval

R Combs makes a motion to approve warrants: 1112R \$650, 1112 \$386,960.07, 1108 \$7625.70, 1106 \$37,495.00, 1101 \$5,149.06, 1025 \$5,514.06, 1108P \$13,693.82, 1101P, \$13,911.57, 1025P \$14,766.20

Zack seconds the motion to approve. J Leamy has a question about 1112 as it seems high. Green Mountain Power Sewer Plant. Hopes we are making progress on the storm water intake. Manager states they have not done anything yet to survey the sump pump. There is a large increase in water processed during storms. Manager is working on this.

All those in favor. Motion carried.

Zack makes a motion to approve warrants: 1107P \$548.00, 1031P \$548.19, 1024P \$548.19. All those in favor. Motion carried. RC abstains.

J Bruno asks the gallery if they have any question prior to the board going into executive session. Board states there is no reason for executive session

J Bruno makes a motion to adjourn at 7:45.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully,

Karen Stewart

Date of Approval: _____