

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2018
TOWN OFFICES**

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman J. Bruno at 6:50pm, due to the weather, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

J. Bruno noted that some people on the agenda were not present and due to the weather, the Board should not follow the agenda as presented, but will cover all items. If someone has questions about something previously discussed, the Board would go back to that item.

MOTION: Z. Holzworth made a motion to approve the agenda and not to follow said agenda. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- DECEMBER 19, 20, 2017 & JANUARY 8, 10, 15, 2018.

MOTION: Z. Holzworth made a motion to approve the minutes of December 19 & 20, 2017 and January 8, 10, 15, 2018. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.
Corrections: 1/8/18, pg. 3-add "for Highway Reserve "to end of sentence.

LIQUOR LICENSE (FIRST CLASS) CLARIFICATION- BRETING,LL

J. Bruno asked A. Breting to explain the clarification.

Breting stated in when he came to the Board for a Liquor Permit it included the whole building. When he received the permit it stated "right side only". He spoke to M. Davidson, who told me to talk to the Town about that. N. Boutwell informed A. Breting that she did receive a permit for the whole building and then received an email from the State saying, Please do not send the permit to A. Breting. They will send her another one, and this one said "right side only". I do not know where the "right side" came from.

J. Bruno asked if A. Breting knew who from the State made the change.

N. Blaisdell stated that the term "right side" is not a correct term for permits, they use, directions, North, South, East & West.

R. Spaulding noted that we need to find out who from State did that.

N. Boutwell handed out all correspondence involved in the permit process. The application is for 43 seats at 595 Main Street. She had an email from Jamie Green from DLC stating attached please find license, which states 595 Main Street. Within minutes I received a phone call stating, "Do not issue that permit, there is a problem with it". I stated that I needed that in writing, I cannot not issue it since they emailed me the permit. Then, I received an email from Jamie Green, "Please hold on getting the licensee the license for 3rd Place Pizzeria till you hear

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back from us". M. Davidson stopped in that afternoon, he did not know what the intentions of the Board were, was it only for one side. I asked him if he wanted me to ask you that and he said he was going to go down and talk to A. Breting.

J. Bruno asked if the Board had any problem with A. Breting having the license for the whole building. They replied they did not have a problem with that.

J. Bruno asked N. Boutwell what gives her the authority to call you and tell you not to issue the permit.

N. Boutwell stated it must have been someone in the DOC.

R. Spaulding stated that we have out who the "somebody" is that told J. Green to tell you not to issue the permit.

N. Boutwell stated that the license was issued but it was changed to "right side only". Everything is the same, including the Permit number.

N. Boutwell stated the question is, who wrote "right side only" and the language itself, "right side only", is it right side from the front or back of the building.

R. Combs stated the question is who made this decision and where did it come from.

J. Bruno asked N. Boutwell to ask the question of the DOC, the Select Board is concerned about the change that was not anything the Board did.

MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to notify the Dept. Liquor Control that the intent of the Select Board of Castleton was to grant Permit # 9426-001-1RST-001 for the entire first floor of the building. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE- CHIEF MANTELLO

Chief noted that there was an increase in accidents due to the weather. There were many parking complaints regarding overnight parking due to snow plowing.

The new vehicle is up and running.

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE

MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage which is the same as 2017, total 76.715 miles, actual we main about 55 miles, as the State highway is 21.6. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT UPDATE- T. GILBERT & J.O' GORMAN

J. O'Gorman noted that the Town is interested in leaving the district.

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J. Bruno replied that there is in fact an article in the warning for the voters to consider.

J. O' Gorman handed the Board paperwork regarding the total number of tonnage of trash from Castleton transfer station, Casella, Ace Carting, and the University and the costs of that total surcharge.

There was a detailed conversation regarding the total cost of the surcharge from Castleton and the cost in relation to the other towns in the district and how the numbers were attained.

R. Spaulding questioned J. O'Gorman on the numbers that he presented.

R. Spaulding presented the Board with information he received from the State of Vermont regarding costs of the surcharge.

R. Spaulding stated that he has been asking the District for about 3 years about how much money Castleton pays them. Also asked what part of the \$625,000.00 surcharges does Castleton make up and has never received an answer.

R. Combs stated he had reviewed the financial statement provided to the Town for the annual audit and noted that it showed your income and revenue but does not provide a breakdown by town or municipality, does such a thing exist and if so, can you provide that to us.

J. O'Gorman replied that there is only one number for the transfer station.

R. Combs stated that was better than nothing.

R. Combs explained that in the financial statement one of the pages shows your revenues in total. One of the things in there is the surcharges, if you could provide us with a breakdown of where those surcharges come from, it would make it easier for us to understand.

PRESENTATION- N. ROBINSON

N. Robinson handed the members a packet of information regarding education costs locally and how it is funded thru taxes. He noted that a Supreme Court decision stated that it is not constitutionally mandated that financing for public education come from taxes.

N. Robinson has approached VLTC and was informed that if he could come up with a resolution and a financial plan to support the resolution, she would bring it to the policy committee to begin a discussion on alternate ways to fund education. He also presented the Board with a simple 1% tax plan that would possible take the place of current property taxes to fund public education.

J. Bruno noted that the Board would consider his request to support his "Education Property Tax Repeal Resolution".

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N. Robinson noted that the Board could make any changes to the resolution that they wanted to.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

T. Gilbert noted that he was the town representative to the Rutland County Solid Waste District and would be glad to answer any questions the Board may have. He stated he had never been asked the questions the Board had before tonight. He will work to get answers for the Board on the concerns he heard tonight.

J. Bruno stated he would like to have T. Gilbert report back to the Board on a quarterly basis what is happening with the District that might have an affect on Castleton.

T. Gilbert also asked about the painting of the crosswalks on Main Street.

J. Bruno replied that they would be done this year.

FINALIZE & SIGNING FY 2018-19 WARNING

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve the Town of Castleton warning for Monday, March 15, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Z. Holzworth. All in favor. Motion Carried.

R. Combs asked why in Article 1 the word "review" is used instead of "accept". It has in the past been "accept".

J. Leamy noted that he would like to have this year's budget numbers and the proposed numbers, so the tax payers can see the increase, decrease or if the budget stayed the same.

Z. Holzworth noted that his middle initial needs to be changed to "S".

ADMENED MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to amend the articles to include financial information for 2017 -2018 as briefly and concisely as possible, change the work "review " to "accept" in Article 1 and correct Z. Holzworth's middle initial to "S". Seconded by Z. Holzworth. All in favor. Motion Carried.

SELECT BOARD COMMENTSJ. Bruno informed the Board he has received a letter of resignation from B. Longtin from the Planning Commission.

MOTION: R. Spaulding made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from B. Longtin. Seconded by Z. Holzworth. All in favor. Motion Carried.

J. Leamy would like to Thank B. Longtin for his service to the Town of Castleton.

J. Bruno noted he was a great asset.

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MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to put a note at the bottom of the summary for each department, what last year's budget was and what this year's budget is, what the dollar increase is, what the percentage increase or decrease is. The complete budget is on the website if anyone wants to see it. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to leave the capital budget plan out of this year's town report. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to leave Social Services out of this year's town report, copies are available at Town Hall. Seconded by R. Combs. All in favor. Motion Carried.

WARRANTS FOR APPROVAL

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve warrants # 0122R for \$30,467.87, #0122 for \$29,135.53, #0118 for \$6,462.12, #0111 for \$28,533.82, #0118P for \$12,572.88, #0111P for \$12,574.56. Seconded by Z. Holzworth. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve warrant #0121 for \$18.00. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried. J. Leamy – abstain

MOTION: Z. Holzworth made a motion to approve warrants # 0117P for \$544.06 and #0110P for \$544.06. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried. R. Combs- abstain.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 1VSA §313 (3)(a)(3)

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel pursuant to the 1VSA §313 (3)(a)(3) of the Vermont State Statutes at 8:50pm. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:00 with no action taken. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Z. Holzworth made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully

V. Waldron

Date of Approval