

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OFFICES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: R. Spaulding

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Shea- Town Manager- see attached list

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman J. Bruno.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Z. Holzworth made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by R. Combs.
All in favor. Motion Carried.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL- JULY 24 & AUGUST 28, 2017

MOTION: Z. Holzworth made a motion to approve the minutes of July 24 & Aug. 28, 2017 with corrections. (August 28th-line 6 - J. Leamy made the motion. Seconded by R. Combs. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

GREEN LANTERN GROUP- SAM CARLSON

S. Carlson informed the Board that they are interested in putting in a 1 acre solar array behind the new Dollar General Store. This is a 7 acre parcel of which 1 acre would be carved out for the solar array. There are two ways the company can go about placing the solar array at the location. The town can write a letter to the State of Vermont designating the location as a "preferred site". This would allow the town to have the "net metering credits" applied to the town's electric bills. The town would still collect taxes from the land owner.

J. Bruno informed S. Carlson that this would have to go before the Planning Commission.

J. Bruno asked S. Carlson to collect and present more information to the Planning Commission and Select Board regarding the savings that the town would receive and a breakdown of the kilowatt costs.

S. Carlson also stated that if the Town did not enter into this "preferred site" agreement with the Stated and Green Lantern that Green Lantern will approach the abutting land owners and offer them the opportunity to receive the "net metering credits" to be applied to their electric bills.

J. Bruno asked who is responsible for the panels and cement bases.

S. Carlson stated that the company is responsible for repair and up keep of the solar array. The panels are warranties for 25 years and the steel for 30 years.

J. Bruno asked what happens if the company goes out of business.

S. Carlson replied that the land owner would become the owner of the panels and steel and cement bases and could do what he wanted with them.

PURCHASE ORDERS FOR APPROVAL; POLICE DEPT.- MAINE-LY TACTICAL & UNIFORM: WWTF-LILLY'S INSTRUMENTATION & TECH SERVICE

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve P.O. # Maine-ly Tactical & Uniform for \$2,453.00. Seconded by Z. Holzworth. All in favor. Motion Carried.

J. Leamy noted that half the cost of the bullet proof vests was paid for by a DOJ grant received by the Castleton Police Dept.

MOTION: D. Combs made a motion to approve P.O. # 040473 for \$2,419,00 to Lilly's Instrumentation & Tech Services. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

CREEK ROAD DRAINAGE ISSUE

J. Bruno stated that he and C. Brown and P. Eagan meet with the Bucks' to discuss a solution to the ongoing drainage issue.

J. Bruno state that this issue would not have gotten out of hand if there had been better communication between citizens and Town Manager.

J. Bruno stated he felt that P Eagan and C. Brown had come up with a solution to fix the problem. The Bucks' did offer to help remove the driveway material.

J. Bruno stated that if the material was moved up the driveway, that it would only end up in the culverts from a big rainstorm. He felt that having the town remove the material would be more efficient.

C. Brown stated that he felt the run off was actually coming from the camps that were above the Bucks' house.

C. Brown noted that the Bucks' should not have had a lien placed on their house regarding the cost of fixing the road due to the run off.

The Board will meet for a Site Review at 6:00 on the night of the next Select Board Meeting.

J. Bruno asked if the Board would agree to let the Town clean out the culverts on each side of the driveway. The Board agreed.

J. Bruno stated the other areas of improvement were to replace the grate and get one that is similar to the one at the Point of Pines. Also, to remove some of the driveway materials to direct the water when it comes down the driveway.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

R. Steele informed that Board of a letter that he and other land/business owners received that are located on both sides of Rt 4A from Castleton Corners to Hydeville Post Office. The State is claiming that all items, signs, porches etc. that are in the right of way have to be removed within 30 days or the State will come and remove them.

J. Bruno asked if R. Steele knew why this is suddenly an issue.

R. Steele stated that he heard it was a complaint the Chief of Police was acting on regarding a sign at the Church next to Bond Auto Supply.

J. Bruno stated that he would inform the Planning Commission of this and also asked R. Steele to keep the Board informed of any new information.

J. Bruno told R. Steele that the State has to produce a survey to prove that the items are in fact in the State right of way.

J. Leamy suggested that the affected parties should get together and hire a lawyer to explain their rights.

H. Steele asked M. Shea if the Lake House has signed the contract with the town for the use of Crystal Beach and had they paid.

M. Shea stated that they have paid but have not signed the contract.

H. Steele stated that they have not fulfilled any parts of the contract.

M. Shea asked what parts of the contract does she have an issue with.

H. Steele stated that they have not been identifying employee cars with a "sign" placed on their dashboards. The Park and Rec dept has not received a list of the employees that would be parking in Crystal Beach. They have not signed the contract, so in fact, there is no contract to have to follow.

J. Bruno asked H. Steele if she wanted to see the business fail.

H. Steele replied No, she just wanted them to comply to the town parking regulations.

H. Steele felt that if people were walking up the street and down the street that no one would move out of the way and it would impede traffic.

J. Bruno stated that the restaurant has been there for 100 years.

C. Loomis asked the members if they liked the 3rd speed cart and where it is placed. They all agreed it worked well at its' location.

C. Loomis told the Board that it was donated by Brown's Auto Salvage.

C. Loomis asked the Board to reimburse the Constable Budget the \$1,900.00 that it cost to repair the speed cart. He suggested that the money could come from the reserve account and/or monies from a department that did not use their entire budget.

J. Leamy asked who was the cart donated to.

C. Loomis stated that it was donated to the Town.

J. Bruno asked C. Loomis to find the donation letter to see who it was donated to and who would be responsible for the repair.

C. Loomis asked if the Board could approve 2 LED lights at the corner of Blissville Rd, Rice-Willis Rd and River St.

SELECT BOARD CONCERNS

Z. Holzworth stated that he had received some concerns from a few citizens that they have not been receiving email notifications of meetings.

M. Shea replied that the users need to update their email notification list every couple months.

WARRANTS

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve warrants # 0911R for \$650.00, #0911 for \$258,346.89, #0907 for \$9,064.11, # 0831 for \$7,303.30, #0907P for \$14,905.38 and #0831P for \$16,044.72. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Z. Holzworth made a motion to approve warrants #0906P for \$547.16 and #0830P for \$547.16. Seconded by J. Leamy. R. Combs- Abstain. All in favor. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30pm for Negotiations

with the Board and the Town Manager. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Z. Holzworth motioned to exit executive session with no action taken. J. Leamy seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION: Z. Holzworth motioned to enter Executive Session for personnel with the board and counsel per 1 VSA §313 (3)(a)(3). R. Combs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION: Z. Holzworth motioned to exit Executive Session at 9:13 pm with no action taken. J. Leamy seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

MOTION: J. Leamy motioned to Adjourn. R. Combs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried

Respectfully

Date of Approval

V. Waldron