

TOWN OF CASTLETON
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
August 23, 2021
Zoom Virtual & Public Meeting

PRESENT: Jim Leamy, Chair; Richard Combs, Vice Chair; Joseph Mark, Select Board Parliamentarian and Secretary; Robert Spaulding, Member; Michael Holden, Select Board Member; Michael Jones, Town Manager; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair, Jim Leamy at 7p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Leamy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Spaulding made a motion approve the Agenda. Mr. Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No Minutes.

CITIZENS COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Caller discussed visibility on A. Woodard and Corey Lane. Requested a mirror that will show drivers any oncoming traffic. The Select Board agreed to refer this issue to the acting Road Commissioner, Michael Jones. Michael Jones stated there may be such a mirror at the garage.

PURCHASE ORDERS FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Mark made a motion to approve 046893 for \$2,800.28 to Delury's. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Combs made a motion to approve 042743 for \$3,250.00 to Patriot Properties Inc. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Holden made a motion to approve 047349 for \$5,703.00 to Vermont Digital. Mr. Spaulding seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Leamy noted there was an additional purchase order not included in the original packets payable to Pace and Hawley Auditors for \$10,500.00. Mr. Holden made a motion to approve 047211 for \$10,500.00 to Pace and Hawley. Mr. Spaulding seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

WARRANTS FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Combs made a motion to approve check warrant #0823R2 in the amount of \$3,500, check warrant #0823 in the amount of \$73,232.08, check warrant #0819 in the amount of \$76,752.60, check warrant #0817 in the amount of \$27,597.53, check warrant #0812 in the amount of \$7305.18, check warrant #0819P in the amount of \$20,765.17, and check warrant #0812P in the amount of \$23,343.41 Mr. Holden seconded the motion. All were in favor the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Leamy discussed Eliza's letter of resignation as the Recording Secretary. Mr. Spaulding made a motion to accept the letter and thanked her for her service to the Town. Mr. Holden seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Jones discussed Wilk Paving prices for milling. Corey lane needs to be milled down prior to paving. Mr. Leamy asked if there were questions. Mr. Holden wondered why not use the grader? Mr. Jones discussed time as a factor and our need to keep these projects moving forward. Mr. Mark makes a motion to support the use of the milling machine at the rate of \$7,000.00 per day with the expectation this will be accomplished in a day or less. Mr. Combs seconded for discussion. Mr. Combs asks what is the timeframe for the project? For use of this machine? Mr. Jones stated it would take 3 people two weeks to do this without the machine. Mr. Leamy called for the vote. Mr. Mark, Mr. Combs and Mr. Leamy were in favor. Mr. Holden voted against. Mr. Spaulding abstained as he did not vote on paving the road from the start. The motion passed 3 to 1, and 1 abstained.

Mr. Jones asked about the timing of the Tax Sale and whether the Town should proceed with the Tax Sale as it will most likely come due around the holidays. Mr. Holden made a motion to proceed with the tax sale as planned. Mr. Spaulding seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mr. Spaulding wants to know when the fiscal year end numbers will be available. Mr. Jones will follow up.

ITEMS TO RECAP

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Mark made a motion to enter executive session with the Board and the Town Manager to discuss a personnel issue at 7:21PM. Mr. Holden seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Holden made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:52PM with no action taken. Mr. Spaulding seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Holden made a motion to adjourn the Select Board Meeting at 7:53PM. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted; Karen Stewart