

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
Monday, June 8, 2020
Zoom Web Meeting**

PRESENT: Jim Leamy, Chair; Richard Combs, Vice Chair; Zack Holzworth, Secretary; Robert Spaulding, Member; Joseph Mark, Select Board Parliamentarian; Michael Jones, Town Manager, Thomas Hand, MHG Solar; Jake Clark, Encore Solar; Janet Currie, Planning Commission Chair; Don Wood.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Leamy at 7pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Leamy led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: 5/27/2020

Mr. Spaulding made a motion to approve the Select Board minutes of 5/27/20. Mr. Holzworth seconded the motion.

The following corrections were noted.

Page 1 Welfare checks on "High School" Students

Page 2 Change "state" to "stated"

Mr. Leamy called the question with the corrections. All were in favor and the motion passed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS & CONCERNS

None

Sand Hill Solar Project

Encore won the project from the state as the lowest bidder in terms of rates to users. Encore was originally going with a 1 MW array but decided to scale back. Project neighbor requested more robust coniferous screening between Sand Hill Road and the array. \$6,500.00 in year 1 to \$11,000 in year 25 for roughly \$200,000 in tax revenue over a 25-year period.

Mr. Spaulding asked about substation capacity and how encore would work around it. Janet Currie stated they are in the queue. She also stated that the substation on Staso has 4 projects in queue: Encores 2.2 MW & three 500 KW arrays. The array in Hydeville is at a 20% cap, as it is shared with Fair Haven.

Don Wood expressed concern about seeing panels out his front window.

MHG Solar

Thomas Hand was on the phone from MHG Solar. MHG's array would consume 5-6 acres of a 29-acre parcel off Mill Street.

MHG needs preferred site status from the Town to submit the completed application to the Public Utility Commission.

Mr. Mark brought up the bridge issue and inquired as to whether it is adequate to get equipment for the project over the river. Thomas stated that the bridge has been supported 40,000-pound propane trucks and 40,000 GMP line trucks.

Janet Currie stated that Pete Giese went to the Planning Commission at this time last year. She also stated that the PC plans to present the Enhanced Energy Plan to the Select Board in August.

Line Striping 2019-2020

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to award the line striping bid to Hiway Safety Systems for \$2940. Mr. Spaulding seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

Heat Pump Bid Award

Mr. Mark made a motion to award the heat pump bids (3) to McClure Construction in the amounts of \$4250 WWTF, \$3750 PD, \$4200 FD. Mr. Holzworth seconded the motion.

Mr. Mark amended the motion to substitute option 2 for the WWTF in the amount of \$6430 instead of \$4250. Mr. Holzworth pointed out that the grand total for all 3 projects will be less with \$2,400 in rebates from GMP. All in favor and the motion passed.

Transfer Station Fees

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to change the Transfer station fees. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion.

Scale fee: \$170.00 / ton & \$15.00 minimum flat fee.

Small bag: \$1.50

Large bag: \$4.50

X Large bag: scale

Annual Permit: \$40.00

Second permit: \$20.00

Third permit: \$10.00

Day Pass: \$5.00

Mr. Spaulding made a motion to amend the scale fee to \$175.00 per ton. Mr. Holzworth seconded all in favor and the motion passed.

Select Board Comments

Mr. Spaulding wants Hubbardton's trash to be separated from Castleton's trash.

Mr. Leamy stated that the select board should encumber funds before 6/30/2020.

WARRANTS FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Combs made a motion to approve check warrant 0608R, \$650.00; 0608, \$84,987.25; 0604, \$5,968.98; 052, \$6,075.60; 0604P \$16,232.50; 0528P, \$16,196.04.

Mr. Holzworth seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

Mr. Spaulding made a motion to approve check warrants 0605P, \$678.15

0529P, \$678.15. Mr. Holzworth seconded. Mr. Combs recused himself from the vote. Those remaining were in favor and the motion passed.

BRIEF RECAP & ITEMS FOR FOLLOW UP

No Comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Spaulding made a motion to enter executive session for real estate at 9:20pm. Mr. Holzworth seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to leave executive session at 9:33pm. Mr. Spaulding seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Spaulding made a motion to enter executive session for personnel at 9:34pm. Mr. Holzworth seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to leave executive session at 9:35pm. Mr. Spaulding seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Combs made a motion to enter executive session for contracts at 9:46pm. Mr. Spaulding seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to leave executive session at 9:55pm. Mr. Spaulding seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to adjourn at 9:56pm. Mr Spaulding seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Stewart