

**TOWN OF CASTLETON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018  
TOWN OFFICES**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** M. Jones, Town Manager (see listing)

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Chairman, J. Bruno.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** R. Combs made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by J. Leamy.

Z. Holzworth amended the agenda by changing the Executive Session to read Real Estate {1VSA §313(a)(1)(a)}. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL- JANUARY 18 & 22, 2018**

**MOTION:** J. Leamy made a motion to approve the minutes of January 18 & 22, 2018. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**CONFIRMATION OF 2018 FIRE DEPT. OFFICERS**

**MOTION:** J. Leamy made a motion to approve the 2018 Fire Dept. Officers as presented. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**APPOINTMENTS- PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MOTION:** R. Combs made a motion to approve the appointments of C. Smith and R. Franzoni to the Planning Commission for a term from present time and to expire on 6/30/2019. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**REQUEST OF TOWN LAND USE/CRYSTAL BEACH- GREAT BENSON FISHING DERBY**

**MOTION:** R. Spaulding made a motion to approve the request for the use of Crystal Beach for the Great Benson Fishing Derby as presented. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**RCSWD REPRESENTATIVE- TIM GILBERT**

T. Gilbert handed out a spread sheet which contained information from haulers.

R. Spaulding asked if he was able to get a breakdown per town of the total of surcharges of \$625,000.00.

T. Gilbert replied that information is not available and explained that Castleton paid RCSWD approximately \$26,752.00 (does not include C & D costs) in 2017. He continued that the district has 3.5 million in assets, the main building will be paid off in 2021 and the Gleason Transfer

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Station in 2024. The Town of Castleton owns 10% of that, which is \$350,000. But the town will not get cash in 2024. The town's costs would decline at that point, unless the State charges more or puts more controls on the RCSWD.

R. Spaulding pointed out that the numbers did not add up. The total cost of surcharges collected is \$625,000.00, Castleton is the second biggest town out of 17 and the surcharges are about \$26,000.00. He asked who makes up the difference.

J. Bruno asked T. Gilbert to compile a fact sheet on why the Town should stay in the RCSWD and asked R. Spaulding to compile a fact sheet on advantages to the town if we left it. These would be presented to voters at the informational meeting in March.

**REQUEST FOR LIQUOR LICENSES APPROVAL – SECOND CLASS LICENSE; TOLTEC, INC. ( BEVERAGE KING); SHAN PETROLEUM, INC. (CASTLETON CORNERS DELI); MOBELL, LLC. (HARBOR VIEW GENERAL STORE); MIDWAY OIL CORP. (DUNKIN DONUTS); DG RETAIL, LLC. (DOLLAR GENERAL)**

**MOTION:** Z. Holzworth made a motion to approve the Second Class Liquor Licenses for Toltec, Inc. (Beverage King), Shan Petroleum, Inc. (Castleton Corners Deli), Mobell, LLC. (Harbor View General Store), Midway Oil Corp. (Dunkin Donuts), DG Retail, LLC. (Dollar General). Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

J. Bruno noted that Chief Mantello must have reviewed these and everything is all good.

**REQUEST FOR LIQUOR LICENSES APPROVAL- FIRST CLASS LICENSE, SODEXO VERMONT, LLC (CASTLETON UNIVERSITY)**

**MOTION:** Z. Holzworth made a motion to approve the First Class Liquor License for Sodexo Vermont, LLC (Castleton University). Seconded by J. Leamy. VOTE: YES- J. Leamy, R. Combs, Z. Holzworth. NO- J. Bruno, R. Spaulding. Motion Carried, 3-2.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Z. Hale handed the members a letter of intent for the purchase of the Sand Hill Rd Property. He explained that there is not a number on the letter. He is looking to file paperwork to receive a portion of the \$4,250.00 that is being spent on a feasibility study for the property from the State and the letter of intent is part of that.

J. Bruno noted that the Board will review the paperwork and get back to him.

N. Robinson addressed the Board with some new information regarding the Resolution in presented to the Board at the previous meeting.

J. Bruno informed N. Robinson that this will be discussed in Select Board Concerns.

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### **MANAGER'S UPDATE**

M. Jones informed the Board that Phase II of the sidewalk project is in the final drawing stage and is out to be approved by the State and then it can go out to bid. The Phase 1 easement issues are still be worked out.

M. Jones stated that the sign project for Drake Road is being discussed with the State and will hopefully be moving forward soon.

### **SELECT BOARD CONCERNS**

R. Combs asked if there was an answer to the reason for the permit change for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Pizza.

J. Bruno informed the members the explanation he received was that a permit could not be granted as that part of the business was still under construction and did not have a CO. Once the construction is completed the permit will be granted.

J. Bruno addressed the Board regarding the issue that N. Robinson presented to them at the last meeting. He stated that he had read the material and felt that the Bringham vs State decision clearly states that the cost of public education was never meant to be completely funded by tax payers.

J. Bruno asked the Board if they would step up and make an effort to possibly initiate a change in the way public education is funded and take the burden off the tax payers.

J. Leamy had a concern regarding cost containment.

N. Robinson replied that when the Board wrote the resolution there had to be an alternative way to raise the money.

**MOTION:** R. Combs made a motion for the Castleton Select Board to create and present an Education and Property Tax Repeal Resolution to VLCT wording to be determined. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried

### **WARRANTS FOR APPROVAL**

**MOTION:** R. Combs made a motion to approve warrants #0212R for \$2,650.00, #0212 for \$87,306.70, #0208 for \$7,912.20, #0201 for \$4,716.20, #0130 for \$7,780.39, #0125 for \$4,508.46, #0208P for \$13,907.34, #0201P for \$12,862.94, #0125P for \$12,069.53. Seconded by Z. Holzworth. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**MOTION:** Z. Holzworth made a motion to approve warrants #0207P for \$544.01, #0131P for \$544.01 & #0124P for \$544.01. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried. R. Combs abstained.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Real Estate {1VSA §313(a)(2)}**

**MOTION:** Z. Holzworth made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30 pm for Real Estate 1 VSA §313(a)(2) with the Town Manger and representatives of Lee Lodge #30. Seconded by R. Spaulding . All in favor. Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Z. Holzworth made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:15 pm with no action taken. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURN:** J. Leamy made a motion to adjourn at 9:16pm. Seconded by Z. Holzworth. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully

Val Waldron

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Date of Approval