

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2015
TOWN OFFICES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Bruno, J. Leamy, R. Spaulding, R. Combs, J. Hale

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Shea, Town Manager

Meeting called to order by Chairmen, J. Bruno with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL—January 11, 2016 & JANUARY 18, 2016

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11(2 sets) & 18, 2016. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

AUTO SALVAGE YARD RE-CERTIFICATION-BROWN'S AUTO SALVAGE

MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to approve the application for re-certification of Brown's Auto Salvage at 170 Depot Terrace, Bomoseen, Vt. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ANNUAL CONFIRMATION OF FIRE DEPT. OFFICERS

MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to approve the 2016 Officers for the Castleton Fire Dept. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

J. Bruno thanked all the volunteers for their dedication.

HIGHWAY DEPT- ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE

MOTION: R. Spaulding made a motion to accept the highway mileage as recorded. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to appoint the Chairman to sign the Highway Mileage year ending 2/10/16. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

4th of JULY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve the forming of the committee. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve the committee members as presented by committee chair. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

REQUEST FOR USE OF TOWN LAND-CRYSTAL BEACH-LIONS CLUB FISHING DERBY

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve the use of Crystal Beach by the Lions Club on 2/13/16 & 2/14/2016 for their annual fishing derby. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE- CHIEF MANTELLO

Chief Mantello presented the Board with his monthly report. He stated that from last year college complaints have decreased.
The Police Station is coming along.

He has been wearing a body camera during all his visits and he will be putting it on the website, so everyone can see the construction.

He stated that Rutland Marble & Granite has donated a granite table top which will be used in the vestibule.

PURCHASE ORDER FOR APPROVAL-WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to approve P.O. 037916 for \$14,500.00 to Champlin Associates. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF LOAN APPLICATION & AGREEMENT-CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN

M. Shea stated that all the problems that were sited at last meeting have been corrected and the language in question was eliminated.

MOTION: J. Hale made a motion to execute the Resolution and Certificate as presented. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: R. Spaulding made a motion to approve the Brown's Salvage Yard permit for 5 years. Seconded by J. Leamy.
All in favor. Motion Carried

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NONE

FINALIZE 2016-2017 BUDGET & SIGNING OF WARNING

M. Shea presented a balanced budget. Capital Improvement items are not in this budget. J. Bruno asked what the total increase on the budget is. M. Shea stated it was 3%. The total dollar amount is \$88,152.00.

J. Leamy asked about the Board voting to include the Capital Improvements in the budget and this budget does not include.

M. Shea stated that many grants look at the budget to see if you are planning for future

purchase or repair of large ticket items.

J. Bruno states that he asked M. Shea to present this draft first. The purpose was to see if we could get by with what we have today and hopefully get the voters to support a new town office. They have been working on numbers to present to voters on the cost of a new town office. He feels that presenting a budget with Capital items at a 6.8% increase and the amount of a new town office would be too much for the voters to accept.

R. Combs asked for clarity on the difference between the two budgets. M. Shea stated that the Capital budget items that are not included in the budget he presented are: \$64,500.00 for highway, \$31,000.00 for Fire and \$15,000.00 for Police.

J. Bruno stated that we are under budgeting again this year and is not in favor of it, but also not in favor of spending \$40,000.00 plus a year on the rental of the temporary building. This amount is would be half the payments on a million dollar loan and the complete payment on a half million dollar loan. We are going on 5 years at the temporary building.

J. Hale stated the Capital budget items and town office are not mutual exclusive. It is like a savings account for when we need trucks we don't have to borrow. We should do both.

J. Bruno stated that the Town Office is a onetime expenditure. We will continue to improve and maintain our equipment in the future.

MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to approve the budget as presented with a 3% increase. Seconded by R. Spaulding. VOTE: In favor: J. Bruno, R. Spaulding, R. Combs, J. Leamy. Opposed: J. Hale. Motion carried 4 TO 1.

B. Clark stated that not planning for the future has put us in the predicament.

S. Day asked for a number per \$100,000.00 what the taxes would go up with and without the Capital Budget and town office. J. Bruno states we do not have numbers with the town office.

J. Bruno states your tax rate would increase by 0.2 cents with the budget presented.

C. Smith stated that using lease programs would help with truck issues. The initial contract for temporary building was for 2 years. We need to stop wasting the money on rental.

M. Brown stated that the Board is taking the right approach. A new town office will increase everyone's property values. We have a lot of positive things with a new Fire Dept., Police Dept. and town office will bring the community together.

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M. Brown seemed to think that the location for the town hall was the biggest issue at the last town meeting not the cost.

J. Bruno stated he felt the location was misunderstood by voters as to how it was described. It was advertised as Lafond-Moore property. It was not the property behind the post office.

T. Day stated that the \$40,000.00 for rental is already in the budget and will put toward the town office.

M. Combs asked for the dollar amount of the total budget.

R. Spaulding stated the proposed budget is \$3,023,471.00.

MOTION: R. Spaulding made a motion to approve draft budget version # 5A. Seconded by J. Leamy.

J. Hale asked why the Grange was not in the warrant. M. Shea replied that he had not received a petition and I didn't get an overwhelming indication from the Board that they wanted it on there without a petition.

J. Hale stated that it means they will have to pay their taxes even though they are a non-profit. J. Bruno stated they can go before the Board of Abatement.

R. Spaulding stated they are scheduled to go before the Board of Abatement. M. Shea asked the Chairman if one more item might be added to this.

J. Bruno asked to table the motion until after the Executive Session.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

M. Shea stated that the closing for Mechanic Street will be taking place soon.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to authorize the Chairman to act as the town's representative to close the sale of the property on Mechanic Street. Seconded by J. Hale. All in favor. Motion Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Bruno stated he was at the new Police Station and was presented a bill from McClure. They are asking for \$90,900.00. There is \$10,100.00 for retainage.

MOTION: R. Spaulding made a motion to approve a payment of \$90,900.00 to McClure Construction. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS

J. Bruno stated that the Highway Dept. tried to correct the problem on Creek Rd. They ran a pipe thru the grate to put a pipe thru the DI. R. Combs stated there was not a pile of ice on the road when he went there.

WARRANTS:

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve warrants # 0125R for \$ 30,467.87, # 0125 for \$ 37,818.07, #0121 for \$ 6,174.10, #0114 for \$ 5,557.83, #0121P for 13,850.22, #0114P for \$12,62.57. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried

MOTION: J. Hale made a motion to approve warrants # 0122P for \$ 547.74 and # 0115P for \$547.75. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Abstain- R. Combs. Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION-LABOR RELATIONS-1 VSA §313(A)(1) & CONTRACTS 1VSA§313(A)(3)

MOTION: R. Spaulding moved to find that premature general public knowledge of Labor Relations & contracts will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing the nature.

MOTION: R. Spaulding made a motion to enter Executive Session with the Town Manager for Labor Relations, Contracts & continued Real Estate discussion, include Town Accountant for Real Estate at 8:30pm. Seconded by R. Combs. All in favor. Motion Carried

MOTION: R. Spaulding made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:20 pm with no action taken. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried

MOTION: R. Spaulding made a motion to approve the Town of Castleton annual warning with 56 articles. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: R. Spaulding made a motion to go back into Executive Session for contracts with Town Manager and Board at 9:25pm. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried

MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:35 pm with no action taken. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: R. Spaulding made a motion to adjourn at 9:36pm. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully

Date of Approval _____

V. Waldron
Recorder