

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OFFICE
Monday, August 24th, 2020 at 7:00pm**

PRESENT: Jim Leamy, Chair; Richard Combs(Via Zoom) Vice Chair; Zach Holzworth, Secretary; Robert Spaulding, Member; Joseph Mark(Via Zoom),Parliamentarian; Michael Jones,Town Manager; Laura Sargent, Recording Secretary.

OTHERS: Laura Jakubowski (collage liaison)(Via Zoom), Dave Richards (Via Zoom)

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 as presented for August 24th, 2020.

Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. Mr. Spaulding was against . The vote was 4 to 1 and the motion passed.

Mr. Spaulding gave reason as to the fact that this meeting was supposed to be held for warrants only, unless an issue was an emergency and he felt that all other aspects of the agenda could have been held over.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Mr. Mark made a motion to approve the minutes for August 10th, 2020 with corrections as followed.

Page 1 under others: Add Laura's last name. (Laura Jakubowski)

Mr.Combs seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Dave Richards addressed the board regarding his concerns over a meeting he attended regarding dock space at Crystal Haven. Mr. Leamy explained that at this time there is no change and the matter is still being researched with the town attorney. If there was to be any proposal, all property owners who have deeded rights would be made aware when the Select Board makes a proposal. Mr. Richards explained that the the meeting organizer had told Mr.Richards it was a closed meeting, and even though he was a property owner, he was not invited to attend any further meetings. Mr. Leamy explained that if indeed it was a "public meeting" for the residents that had deeded rights, then all residents with deeded rights should be allowed to attend.

POLICE UPDATE:

Town manager provided the board with police log and information for the Select Board to review and if they have any follow up questions, the board can contact the Chief of Police.

COVID RESOLUTION FOR BOARD APPROVAL:

Resolution establishing an order limiting the size of social gatherings in the time of COVID-19: Effective immediately and continuing until the Select Board determines that this order should be rescinded, except for the instances cited in the order, indoor and outdoor social gatherings in the Town of Castleton are restricted to 25 attendees, with warnings and fines for gatherings over 25.

Mr. Spaulding felt that the residents could judge for themselves and be responsible during this time of COVID, Residents should not have to call and ask for permission to hold a birthday party in their backyard. Just because there are a few that misbehave, "all" should not be punished.

Mr. Mark felt that the risk to the health and safety of residents makes such a resolution advisable.

Laura Jakubowski asked if the resolution of the limitation of 25 does that apply to the campus?

Mr. Mark said yes the campus would have to go through the exception process if it is a social gathering.

Mr. Mark moved to adopt a resolution to establish an order limiting the size of social gatherings to 25.

Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Mr. Spaulding was against. The motion passed 4 to 1.

BID AWARD FOR TREE REMOVAL TOWN OFFICE/ PRESTON LANE:

The Town Manager provided an update, currently waiting for bids.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS:

Mr. Spaulding made a motion to accept the recommendations of Mary Jo Teetor in regard to the errors and omissions certificate Form PVR-4261-E.

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

FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT CRYSTAL BEACH:

The Fireworks Display at Crystal Beach scheduled for August 28 has been canceled due to conflicts in scheduling. The Fireworks display is being looked at for future dates possibly into December 2020.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to pursue grant opportunity to digitize the Town of Castleton land records.

Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion . All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Jones the Town Manager informed the Select Board that if other alternatives to the large increase for dispatch services from the State Police PSAP are not available, the budget for the fire department for dispatch services will increase over the next few years. The Town of Castleton has a high call volume, therefore the costs associated with dispatching are greater than the towns with lower call volumes. The Castleton Fire Department relies on the State Police PSAP for dispatching, so if no other alternatives are available, the budget line for dispatch services must increase.

WARRANTS FOR APPROVAL:

Mr. Combs made a motion to approve Warrants

0824R in the amount of \$650.00

0824 in the amount of \$59,001.84

0820 in the amount of \$31,201.40

0813 in the amount of \$16,974.51

0820P in the amount of \$18,738.64

0813P in the amount of \$18,476.75

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

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to approve Warrants

0821P in the amount of \$694.76

0814P in the amount of \$694.76

Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion.

Mr. Combs recused himself. All others were in favor and the motion passed.

BRIEF RECAP OF ITEMS AND FOLLOW UP:

Mr. Mark would like a follow up with a briefing by representatives from RCSWD and Castleton University on the pros and cons of a local composting program to be scheduled for a future meeting.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to go into executive session with the Town Manager at 7:57 pm. For possible litigation.

Mr. Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Mark made a motion to come out of executive session with no action taken at 8:03pm.

Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to adjourn at 8:04. Mr. Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.