

# MINUTES FROM 01/22/2019 SELECTBOARD MEETING

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Lee Kimball, Vice-chair, Cheryl Moomey, Alton Brusco, Ken Millman, Clerk, Donna L. Bohannon

**GUESTS:** Ron Kumetz, Terry Tatro, Danielle Choiniere, Susan Millman, Richard Theoret, Moe Theoret

## **6:00pm: BUDGET MEETING**

- Meeting called to order at 6:05 by Vice-chair, Cheryl Moomey.
- Ron Kumetz was in attendance on behalf of the Alburgh Volunteer Fire Department.
- He explained that the Fire Department would like to request an additional article be included on the ballot in March.
- He further explained that they would like to keep the two articles on the ballot. One article is asking for \$55,000 for general purposes and the other is asking for \$15,000 for the purchase of equipment throughout the year.
- The Department would like to add an article that would ask the voters to include a line item in the budget for future years for \$75,000 to be used for the purchase of fire equipment. This is essentially a capital equipment fund that they would use to replace fire trucks that are outdated or not inspectable.
- The Board agreed that the new article would go on the ballot for the March 5<sup>th</sup> vote.
- The Selectboard continued to review the budget numbers and will resume their inspection of the budget on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6PM.

## **7:00pm - OPEN REGULAR MEETING:**

- The regular meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairman, Lee Kimball.

## **ADJUST AGENDA (if needed):**

- Two adjustments were added.
- **Adjustment #1 - informational** – A petition for inclusion on the ballot was submitted.

- **Adjustment #2 – informational** – A response from an auditing firm was received.

#### **NEW / OLD BUSINESS UPDATES / TABLED TOPICS AND / OR WAITING RESULTS:**

- Richard Theoret for Rod and Gun Club- tax exempt request.
  - Richard Theoret was present to ask the Selectboard to include on the ballot for the March elections, a request that the Rod and Gun Club continue to be given a tax-exempt status.
  - He explained that by Statute, an entity that isn't exempt by State rules, needs to have voter approval every five years.
  - He explained that the Rod and Gun Club sponsors hunter safety education programs as well as donates to the Holiday Lighting event in Town.
  - *Cheryl Moomey motioned that the request for the Rod and Gun Club to be tax exempt be added to the March ballot – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried.*  
Article will be added to the ballot for the March 5<sup>th</sup> vote.
- Streetscape paperwork – change order and pay requisition – to be reviewed and/or signed.
  - Paperwork was reviewed and signed.
- Streetlight by Mason's building – repair and add to Town's invoice list.
  - It is still unclear who this streetlight belongs to.
  - Lee and Danielle will communicate and contact Vermont Electric Coop. to determine who is responsible for it currently and decide the best course of action.
  - Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting, currently scheduled for 12 February 2019.
- Property located at 1409 (formerly 149) Route #2 South was sold to the Town at a tax sale on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – tax sale deed is recorded in land records.
  - The tax sale deed has been received by the Town and recorded in the land records books.
  - Cheryl Moomey will contact Dave Rugh about the step in the process.
- Switch over to D.C Energy for alarm system? –
  - Still waiting for information from D.C. Energy.
  - Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting, currently scheduled for 12 February 2019
- Transfer Station topics for discussion –

- Foreman's resignation - Open position – Next step?
  - The Foreman's position is not going to be filled at this time.
  - Both Dan Pecor and Brendan Letourneau will remain at the Transfer Station.
  - The Selectboard would like to give both Dan and Brendan a pay raise due to their increase in responsibilities.
  - There was some discussion about the amount of the pay that they should receive.
  - *Lee Kimball motioned that Dan Pecor be given a rate of \$16 per hour effective immediately and that Brendan Letourneau be given a rate of \$15 per hour effective immediately – seconded by Ken Millman – all in favor – motion carried.*
- Transfer Station scales need to be covered – Update.
  - Lee Kimball and Gene Bohannon were scheduled to meet at the Transfer Station to formalize a better plan to for the work but due to the inclement weather had to postpone the meeting.
  - Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting, currently scheduled for 12 February 2019
- **Adjustment #1 - informational** – A petition for inclusion on the ballot was submitted.
  - Raleigh Palmer submitted a petition, signed by more than 5% of the registered voters that would require, if passed at the March 5<sup>th</sup> election, the Selectboard to generate an ordinance allowing the use of legally registered, insured and operated ATV's on Town roads.
- **Adjustment #2 – informational** – A response from an auditing firm was received.
  - Sullivan, Powers & Company submitted a proposal to audit the Towns financial reports for the fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 for the amount of \$20,000.
  - *Lee Kimball motioned to accept the proposal from Sullivan, Powers & Company to audit the 2019 fiscal year for the amount of \$20,000 – seconded by Cheryl Moomey – all in favor – motion carried.*
- **VISITOR INPUT:**
  - Terry Tatro reminded the Board that as of January 19<sup>th</sup>, the new Ordinance to Regulate Nuisance Properties became effective.
  - Clerk will add tabled items back to the agenda beginning on the February 12<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:**

• **01/08/2019 - SELECTBOARD MEETING**

- *Lee Kimball motioned to approve the minutes from the 01/08/2019 Selectboard meeting as written – seconded by Cheryl Moomey – all in favor – motion carried.*

• **01/09/2019– BUDGET MEETING**

- *Cheryl Moomey motioned to approve the minutes from the 01/09/2019 budget meeting as written – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried.*

• **01/15/2019 – BUDGET MEETING**

- *Cheryl Moomey motioned to approve the minutes from the 01/15/2019 budget meeting as written – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried.*

**APPROVE INVOICES / SIGNATURES NEEDED:**

- All invoices approved and signed

**ADJOURN:**

- *At 8:10pm Cheryl Moomey motioned to adjourn – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor -motion carried – meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna L. Bohannon  
Alburgh Town Clerk

**Please note the above minutes HAVE NOT been approved. Approval or changes to the minutes will be addressed at the next meeting, currently scheduled for 12 February 2019.**

