

# MINUTES FROM 02/12/2019 SELECTBOARD MEETING

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

**GUESTS:** Terry Tatro, John Fitzgerald, Susan Millman, Danielle James Choiniere

## 7:00pm - OPEN REGULAR MEETING:

- Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Chairman, Lee Kimball

## ADJUST AGENDA (if needed):

- One adjustment was requested.
- **ADJUSTMENT #1:** Alton Brusco would like to add a conversation about sanding private roads.

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

- Various complaints from 62 Lake Street.
  - COMPLAINT #1: The complainants would like the Selectboard to inspect the property located at 107 Lake Street for a possible violation of the Town's Junk Ordinance.
  - The complaint stated that they believe this property poses a health risk to the public and that there are more vehicles being brought in.
  - They would like the Town to address this matter with the property owners.
  - The Board discussed this and will investigate the complaint.
  - Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 02/26/2019.
  - COMPLAINT #2: complainants stated that the Highway Department pushed the snow onto some of their shrubs and trees in their yard.
  - They wanted to have this on file in case the shrubs or trees are permanently damaged. If they are, they will request that the Town replace them.
  - Tabled until further need.

- SAFD#2 – Request – Right of way for waterlines.
  - John Fitzgerald and Danielle Choiniere were in attendance on behalf of SAFD#2.
  - John explained that the SAFD#2 Board is working on phase 2 of the South Alburgh water line and they were present to ask the Selectboard to consider allowing them a right of way along the Town Roads where the line will be installed.
  - He explained that there are two possible routes for the line to run. One route will bring them up over Middle Road, down Route # 2 South and down Poor Farm Road.
  - This route has not been engineered or researched for archeological assessment.
  - The other proposed route is from the Isle Lamotte bridge, over Route 129 and then down Poor Farm Road.
  - This route has been engineered and researched for archeological assessment.
  - SAFD#2 wanted to give the Selectboard a heads up and will bring more information to the Board as they make decisions about the route that they will use.
  - Tabled until further notice.
- 26 Lake Street property complaint – Update.
  - The new Ordinance to Regulate Nuisance Properties has been officially adopted and is in effect as of January 19<sup>th</sup>. This revised version will give the Selectboard more authority to take action on this and other properties.
  - Carol Behrman will be invited to the next Selectboard meeting and a plan will be developed.
  - Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 02/26/2019.
- 645 South Main St. – complaint – Update.
  - This was previously resolved and was added in error. This will be removed.
- 328 South Main Street property complaint – Update.
  - The new Ordinance to Regulate Nuisance Properties has been officially adopted and is in effect as of January 19<sup>th</sup>. This revised version will give the Selectboard more authority to take action on this and other properties.

- Carol Behrman will be invited to the next Selectboard meeting and a plan will be developed.
- Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 02/26/2019.
- 1209 Border Road property complaint– Update.
  - The new Ordinance to Regulate Nuisance Properties has been officially adopted and is in effect as of January 19<sup>th</sup>. This revised version will give the Selectboard more authority to take action on this and other properties.
  - Carol Behrman will be invited to the next Selectboard meeting and a plan will be developed.
  - The Clerk was asked to contact the Judicial Bureau to find out the status of the previous tickets that were issued.
  - Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 02/26/2019.
- Transfer Station topics for discussion –
  - Transfer Station scales - covered – Update.
    - Lee Kimball met with Gene Bohannon and they formulated a simple plan to cover the scale with a roof that will also extend out over the compactors.
    - They discussed replacing the window in the office as the one that is currently there doesn't stay up on its own.
    - They discussed finding a way to make the cash register accessible from the outside without being accessible to the public.
    - They also discussed changing the locking system at the gate and the office to a number pad system versus keys.
    - These discussions will continue.
    - Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 02/26/2019.
    - Lee informed the Board that he purchased a refurbished lap top for the Transfer Station. The one that was being used belonged to Amy.
    - A reimbursement check will be issued to Lee Kimball in the amount of \$199.00.

- Streetlight by Mason's building – update
  - *Lee Kimball motioned to have an LED streetlight installed to replace the existing, no functioning, light that is at the park and ride by the Mason Building– seconded by Cheryl Moomey – all in favor – motion carried.*
  - Lee Kimball will contact Vermont Electric Coop. and request the upgrade.
  
- **ADJUSTMENT #1:** Sanding private roads.
  - Alton explained that he has been contacted regarding the icy conditions of a private road.
  - The requestor was hopeful that the Town would be able to start sanding the road without having to take over maintaining the road.
  - Alton said that he explained to her that private roads were the responsibility of the owners of the road and that he would bring the subject to the Board to discuss but that if they agree to sand one private road, they would have to sand all private roads, and this isn't feasible with the man-power that they have. there are too many private roads.
  - All five Board members were in agreement that this was not something that the highway department was equipped to take on.

**VISITOR INPUT:**

- Lee Kimball mentioned the number of properties that are on the list for the upcoming tax sale and expressed concern that the Town might end up owning some of them.
- Terry explained that generally the properties are redeemed either before the sale or within the year of redemption.
- Ken Millman pointed out that most of the agenda items are fending off complaints and would like to start adding some strategic planning items to upcoming agendas.
- An example of the items would be forming a capital plan for replacement of Town trucks and other equipment, reviewing the existing ordinances for possible updates, and planning of future roadwork.
- This is not an all-inclusive list but a start on issues to begin thinking about.
- Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 02/26/2019.
- **APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:**

- **01/22/2019 - 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.*

- **01/29/2019– BUDGET MEETING**

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

- **02/05/2019 – SPECIAL MEETING**

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

**APPROVE INVOICES / SIGNATURES NEEDED:**

- All invoices approved and signed
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION: EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease options; 1 V.S.A. § 313. (RS149)**
  - *At 8:25pm Cheryl Moomey motioned to enter into Executive Session – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried – Board in Executive Session.*
  - *At 9:05pm Cheryl Moomey motioned to leave Executive Session – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried – Board out of Executive Session.*
  - Cheryl Moomey will contact the Town Attorney with several questions.
  - No action taken at this time.

**ADJOURN:**

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