

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lourie, Thomas Wilson, Deborah Baker, Philip E. Mazzucco & Linda Montague.
OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Donald S. Lewis, David and Susan Nichols, Jane Davies, John LaVecchia, Christopher Porter, Debra Fuller and Ryan Davenport.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

January minutes reviewed. Motion by Tom seconded by Phil to approve the January minutes as written.
Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Reminder that the Informational Pre-Town Meeting will be held on March 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse, following the 7:00 p.m. School Informational Meeting.
2. The exterior security light at the Town Office has failed and a new fixture should be installed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. The Delinquent Tax List of \$109,862.14 has been turned over to the Delinquent Tax Collector.
2. The semi-annual school payment is included in tonight's orders.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. John Mudgett has been here to gather financial documents for the three year audit of Town Funds.
2. The Bennington County Regional Commission will hold its next regular meeting on March 15th at 5:30 p.m. at Project Independence in Bennington.
3. Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance meets on March 14th at 4 p.m. in Arlington. Mark will attend.
4. Vermont Local Roads sent notice of upcoming seminars for the Highway Crew.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: The equipment has been holding up. Been doing much winter maintenance keeping the roads in good shape. Crew met with VTrans to look at frost heaves on east side of Route 315 and examine some driveway issues. More estimates are still needed to get better pricing on plants for the Highway Garage's landscaping. Grants have been secured for improvements to Dole and Perkins Roads at \$20,000 each and a general use road grant of \$8,000.00 has been approved. The Kent Hollow project needs to be completed this year. \$125,000 in grant funding has been allocated for it.
2. Kim Perkins notified the Board of efforts being made by some residents to reduce the feral cat population at the former transfer station site. Three males and two females were trapped, taken in for shots and neutering. Second Chance Animal Shelter has been contacted to care for the animals.
3. Michael Krauss' request to use a portion of the Town Green land has been addressed by Town Attorney John Thrasher who has drawn up a rental agreement which will eliminate liability for the Town while the property is being used for the October wedding. Board reviewed the document and it was the consensus of the Board to approve the rental agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mark and Jane Davies gave a summary of the Town Green Survey results. Suggestions varied widely but the chief concerns were the initial establishment cost and continued maintenance of the property.
2. Jane and committee members interested in developing Sheldon's Store outlined proposed plans for the store building, which is now a single family residence. The Board's consensus was that more information would be needed before making any Town decision whether to assist with this enterprise or not.
3. Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Linda, seconded by Debbie to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk

