

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
April 10, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip E. Mazzucco, Thomas Wilson, Mark Lourie, Deborah Baker and Linda Montague.
OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, John McInerney, John LaVecchia, Jane Davies, John and Karen Graf, Donald S. Lewis, Ryan Davenport and Jean Ceglowski.

Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m.

After the Selectboard reviewed the Pre-Town Meeting and March minutes, and minor changes were made, Jean Ceglowski entered the room with her own written revision of a portion of the March 27th minutes which noted her comments made concerning Trinity Delano, Miss Delano's Town Warning Petition and the feeding of the feral cats at the old Transfer Station site. She felt the Chairman did not treat the petitioners with respect. The Board made no revisions to the minutes in response to Jean's written comments. A motion made by Tom, seconded by Phil to approve the March minutes with minor corrections as noted by the Board. Motion carried. Linda and Mark said that the scope of the minutes was only to include the people present and participating in the meeting, topics discussed, motions and votes taken by the Board. The minutes are not required to be a detailed narrative.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. 135 dogs have been registered so far as opposed to 190 dogs last year. Andrea and First Constable Kelli Raymond will make note of the unlicensed dogs and follow up on enforcement.
2. The school budget vote has been scheduled for May 22nd. The Selectboard strongly disapproves of the Bennington Regional Supervisory Union (BRSU) conducting their meetings on the same nights as regularly scheduled Rupert Selectboard meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash on Hand	03/01/2018	\$568,867.01
Receivables		34,578.60
Disbursements		64,239.83
Cash on Hand	03/31/2018	\$539,205.78

3. It was the consensus of the Board to move \$27,000.00 of the Reappraisal Fund to the General Fund for payment of the ongoing town wide reappraisal.
4. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns Payroll Auditor was here recently and did their audit.
5. Andrea presented a bill for copier toner from the Corporate Warehouse for \$489.00. Our contract with All Service provides the toner free of charge. It was the consensus of the Board to send back the toner and not pay the bill as the Board never signed a purchase order for the product.
6. The Board signed the liquor license renewal permit for Sherman's Store.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Board will sign the rental agreement for the Krauss family to rent a portion of the Town Green from August 3rd - 5th, once language has been inserted into the agreement which addresses a \$500.00 security deposit and parking of wedding guests' vehicles on Town property.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: There is no sand or salt left in the shed. Need to replace a culvert on the mountain before paving job. Mark is to call two nurseries to get quotes on the plantings for the Garage site. Structure and paving grants are due on April 16th. Pot holes are being graded. For road dust control, Tom said that they are going to change over to magnesium chloride at seventy-five cents per gallon from calcium chloride at ninety cents per gallon. Having trouble with the truck radios, and are trying out three new digital ones, which seem to be superior to the old radios. Should get some gravel crushed soon as we will be needing 10,000 yards.

2. Regarding the road name change request put forth by John McInerney, there was a motion by Linda, seconded by Phil to deny the request for a name change for Suncrest Road. Motion carried.
3. Discussed the proposed Sheldon's Store Cafe Project and the need for expanding the area for the building's septic system, which most likely will have to encroach on the Town Green land. If permission to dig test holes is given by the Vermont Land Trust and Town, then the soils can be analyzed as to their suitability to support a septic system. Motion by Tom, seconded by Debbie to allow the test pits to be dug at no expense to the Town, providing that the Land Trust gives permission for digging. Motion carried.
4. The Town Green Committee met last week and worked on getting a written plan for the site that would create a traditional Town Green area, walking paths and pavilion or gazebo. An application for a \$5,000.00 matching grant has been sent in. The grant is for towns to develop and keep open space within villages. Mark said we should ask the voters at the May 22nd school budget vote if they want to approve some funding for development of the Town Green. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with putting an article on the ballot asking for some money for improvements to the Town Green.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Don passed around copies of a recently found letter from June 24, 1922 from John Sheldon, who donated the World War I memorial in Rupert Village, specifying that the Town will be responsible for its maintenance. Don said it should be cleaned and he will get an estimate on cleaning from Hicks Memorials.

Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Debbie to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk

