

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
MAY 8, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lourie, Deborah Baker, Thomas Wilson, Philip E. Mazzucco and Linda Montague.
OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt and Donald S. Lewis.

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

The April minutes were reviewed and there was a motion by Tom, seconded by Debbie to approve the minutes with minor corrections as noted. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Andrea said that she got clarification of the procedure for counting the school budget ballots on May 22nd. The ballots will be taken to Pawlet, commingled and put through Pawlet's vote tabulator.
2. A list of the new names added to the checklist will be sent out to all Board of Civil Authority members prior to the May 22nd school budget and Town Green funding votes.
3. The dog warrant was signed by the Selectboard.
4. The regular second Selectboard meeting of the month will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. The April financial report will be given at the next meeting because the bank statements have not arrived.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Vermont Secretary of State's Office, forwarded to the Selectboard in response to a complaint received about governmental ethical conduct in our municipality. The Board reviewed the complaint and decided to take no action as they felt the Animal Control Officer was performing her duties with reasonable care to ensure the well being of the animals involved, and was operating well within the latitude of her prescribed capacity. First Constable Kelli Raymond continues to have the full support of the Selectboard.
2. Letter from Kimberly Perkins of the Rupert Youth Activity Club saying that they have handed over to the Library the annual Easter Egg Hunt, and want to donate all Easter related supplies to the Library too.
3. The Fire Company is considering purchasing an electric digital sign for outside the Firehouse. If they go ahead with buying it, would the Town be willing to pay for half of it, if we could have use of it?

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: After grading and stone raking Hebron Road, a Highway Crew member observed Gordon Patrick scraping gravel out of the road with a bucket loader blade to fill a hole in his driveway. Tom said that Innovated Surface Solutions sent a contract offering to supply Rupert with two 3,000 gallon tanks for spraying chloride on the back roads, that will cost the Town nothing as long as we purchase 12,000 gallons of product per year from them. After three years of being in the program, we will own the tanks. Their magnesium chloride is 81 cents per gallon. The consensus of the Board was to put language in the contract saying that we could discontinue the service if we were not satisfied with it, and then sign up for the plan. Will be applying for erosion inventory grants from the State. Plan to put out paving bids to Peckham, Pike and Fuller. Lately, the back roads have been too dry to grade.
2. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to wait until autumn to buy the landscaping plants from the nursery in Eden, VT and plant them at the Highway Garage site.
3. The Vermont Land Trust has given permission for the digging of test holes and installing walking paths and a parking lot on the Town Green property.
4. Request from Ed Visconti to relocate his driveway onto Perkins Road.
5. Tom called the Town of Pawlet's engineer to come here and give us an estimate on the cost for repairs to the Town Office back wall and creating a walk-in vault.

Motion by Linda, seconded by Debbie to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk

