

UNAPPROVED  
SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
JULY 10, 2018

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

It was a decision of the Board to review the June minutes at the next meeting.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. The ballots have been received for the August 14th Vermont Primary Election.
2. Andrea and Linda will be attending a voter accessibility training seminar in Bennington on July 26th.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Bank statements for June have not arrived, so the financial report will be given at the next meeting. Andrea estimates that there is cash on hand of \$189,929.06 and \$56,474.56 is due of delinquent taxes.
2. Accountant John Mudgett has given the Town a draft copy of the three year audit he is conducting.
3. Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union had Andrea sign a check of \$520,000 (former Rupert school tax stabilization fund) to the Mettawee School District.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. An amendment from Bennington County Regional Commission for the Regional Solid Waste Alliance.
2. Fire Warden Mark Lourie said our area of the State is under a severe drought warning, and that the public needs a permit to burn outdoors.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: slate is going down on Pawlet Mountain Road and will be applied to Dole and Perkins Roads. LaVerne "Dude" Truehart is back from a two week vacation. New truck is still at DeLurey's getting outfitted and Mark is going to ask if DeLurey will offer the Town a financing plan to pay off the truck's remaining balance.
2. Bennington Rutland School Union Superintendent Jackie Wilson called Kelli about continued complaints from Susana Aldanondo concerning Kelli's conduct last winter in her role as Truant Officer. Mark advised Kelli to not respond to the issue with BRSU as the charges were dropped for the Aldanondo's lawsuit against her and the case was dismissed on June 18th.
3. Mark sent a letter to John Armstrong stating that the feeding of animals, specifically feral cats must cease on Town owned property by July 31, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Concerning the Aldanondo family, Mark asked the Board if the Town needed a Deputy Health Officer to assist Kelli or serve in her place when needed. There is a possibility of some public health issues at the property, and perhaps unsanitary conditions that may be attracting rats. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to turn issues in connection with this family over to the 2nd Constable, Sheriff's Department, Vermont State Police or Vermont State Health Department.
2. Mark passed out the tax rate work sheet he had prepared. At Town Meeting the voters approved a budget of \$569,00.00 to be raised by taxes for the ensuing fiscal year. A tax rate of \$.3984 would generate the needed revenue. Discussion. Motion by Tom, seconded by Debbie to lower the tax rate of \$.3984 to \$.3784 and make up the difference with surplus funds. Motion carried. The education tax rates are now \$1.5260 for residential and \$1.7299 for non-residential. Motion by Linda, seconded by Phil to adopt the tax rates to raise money for the Town of Rupert for the next fiscal year. Motion carried.
3. Phil Chapman would like a 50% down payment for the website designer. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Website Committee send in an invoice for \$750.00 to start up and develop the Town's website.

Motion by Debbie seconded by Tom to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Montague  
Selectboard Clerk

