

APPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Members present: Mark Lourie, Deborah Baker, Thomas Wilson, Philip E. Mazzucco and Linda Montague.
Others present: Andrea Lenhardt, Althea Lewis, Donald S. Lewis and Val Almosnino.

Meeting called to order at 6:41 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Reminder to Board of Civil Authority members to be present after the polls close at 7:00 p.m. on February 15th to help with the vote tally for the special school merger vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1.	Cash on Hand	01/01/18	\$448,279.58
	Receivables		309,708.39
	Disbursements		52,086.88
	Cash on Hand	01/31/18	\$705,901.09

2. Lister Val Almosnino wants to attend the IAAO seminar sponsored by the Vermont Assessors and Listers Association, to be held in White River Junction in October. He would like the Town to pay for his five night lodging at about \$98.00 per night. Board's consensus to table the matter until they can get details from Val.

3. Andrea has some bills to be paid soon but did not have time to include them in tonight's orders. It was the consensus of the Board to have Mark sign the order later in the week.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Consensus of the Board to sign the annual notice of no pending law suits against last year's grand list.
2. Kelli Raymond is finding a home for the East Street Beagle, and has been following up on unlicensed dogs.
3. Mark heard many appreciative comments about the good condition of the roads last weekend.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: The roads are in good shape despite the recent storms. For ice control on driveways, residents may take pails of sand. More stone has been ordered for providing traction on the back roads.
2. Cemetery Report: Cemetery Trustee Don Lewis gave an update on changes at the Cemetery Association. Several Trustees have resigned and two residents have volunteered to serve as Trustees. Don said the Town will have to take on more responsibility for cemetery maintenance as the Sheldon Trust has been unable to cover the lawn mowing costs. New information has raised questions about whether the Town or the Cemetery Association owns the Upper Cemetery on Pawlet Mountain Road. Don hopes the Cemetery Association will reorganize this Spring and be able to thoughtfully address the issues that confront it and soon have operations going smoothly.
3. The Board looked over Ray Smith's sample landscape design for the Town Garage and examined close up photographs of its individual components of Sugar Maple, White Birch, Crab Apple, Swiss Stone Pine and Vibarum Feather Reed Grass. The quote he got from Mettowee Mill Nursery was \$8,168.94. The Board will further consider the proposal and seek to get lower pricing on the plants.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lister Val Almosnino spoke with the Board about the Lister education course he wants to attend in October. It was the consensus of the Board to pay \$100.00 for the five day IAAO seminar on the Income Approach and pay \$98.00 per night for his lodging.
2. Mark called the Vermont League of Cities and Towns for advice on Michael Krauss' request to rent Town owned land behind his house for his son's wedding. Town Attorney John Thrasher is reviewing VLCT's opinion and will direct the Board on how to proceed so there is no liability for the Town if the rental is allowed.
3. Orders were signed by the Board.
4. Debbie mentioned a tree posing a hazard in the highway right of way. Tom will look at it and consider whether it should get removed by the Town.

Motion by Tom seconded by Debbie to adjourn. Motion carried. meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk

