

APPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2018

Members present: Mark Lourie, Deborah Baker, Thomas Wilson, Philip E. Mazzucco and Linda Montague.
Others present: Andrea Lenhardt, Donald S. Lewis, Michael McKeighan and Kelli Raymond.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Two agents from Disabilities Rights of Vermont came and assessed the Town Office building. They will issue a report to the Town on their findings as it relates to the Help America Vote Act requirements.
2. The disc in the Clerk's computer is wearing out. Mike Oltendal of Southern Vermont Computer is going to replace the disc and upgrade the system to Microsoft windows 365 office.
3. Andrea confirmed with Thelma Georgeson that her letter of resignation was from both the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board. Anyone interested in serving on either the commission or the board should contact the Town Clerk or any Selectboard member.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. The new school tax rate will be out at the end of June, now that Governor Scott has signed the budget.
2. The last day to redeem Sherman's Store from having been sold for back taxes is tomorrow, June 27th. Delinquent Tax Collector, Erwin Tobin will total up the final amount owed to the Town.
3. Highway Department employees' paychecks will now show an increase to 1.25% for their employee contribution for VEMERS Plan B Retirement fund.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. New contract for Vermont State Police patrolling of six hours per month at \$67.22 per hour. It was the consensus of the Board to sign the contract.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. First Constable Kelli Raymond said that the case against her brought by Susana and Mariano Aldanondo was dismissed on June 18th and all charges in connection with it were dropped. Attorney Bradley Meyerson represented Kelli Raymond in this matter.
2. The Town Green Committee has applied for a grant of \$2,000 to fund a kiosk for the Town Green.
3. Highway report: the new culvert is in on Route 315. The Crew is now working with Pawlet's crew, hauling slate. The new truck is going to Zwack soon for its outfitting. Pawlet Mountain Road graveling job is ongoing.
4. Cemetery Trustees Mike McKeighan and Don Lewis said that the Town needs to deed back the Sheldon Memorial Cemetery to the Cemetery Association and have a written contract with the Association. The Board will make a decision on this at one of the July meetings.
5. Mark reported on the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance meeting he attended. There will be no increase in our annual fee of \$3,256.96 and the Town is supposed to collect \$50.00 a year from each of our haulers who have to register with the Town. A hauler, TAM wants to start recycling asphalt shingles and the Alliance is giving them \$25,000.00 towards TAM's purchase of an \$85,000.00 shingle grinder.
6. Discussion of continued feeding of feral cats at the old Transfer Station site. Motion by Tom, seconded by Phil to remove the cat shelter and prohibit the feeding of animals on Town property as of July 30, 2018. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Kelli Raymond said if anyone is aware of a vehicular accident, to not call and leave a message on her answering machine but call the Vermont State Police at 802-442-5421 as soon as possible.
2. Andrea announced that the Listers said all went well and there will no tax appeals after grievance.
3. The Vermont Primary election is set for Tuesday August 14, 2018.
4. Don suggested that all the scrap metal behind the Highway Garage be picked up and sold. Tom indicated that this can be arranged.

Motion by Debbie, seconded by Linda to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk

