

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Montague, Philip E. Mazzucco, Mark Lourie and Deborah Baker.

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, John LaVecchia, Peter Pelton, Althea and Donald Lewis, David and Susan Nichols, Michael McKeighan, Charles Rockwell, Eugene Ceglowski, Anne Lourie, Eugene Higgins, Borge Hermanson, Suzanne Moore, Jay "Skip" Wilson, Richard Ventrella and Brooke DeBonis.

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m.

February minutes reviewed. Motion by Linda, seconded by Debbie to approve the minutes with one minor correction as noted. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Dog licenses are due on April 1st. Please have proof of up to date rabies vaccination for your dog.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1.	Cash on hand	02/01/2019	\$449,823.28
	Receivables		650,211.00
	Disbursements		648,755.01
	Cash on hand	02/28/2019	\$451,279.27

2. Board reviewed accounts payable, general fund financial statement and the payroll.

3. It was the consensus of the Board to place the balance of the reappraisal fund into the general fund to pay the \$11,250.00 which is owed to NEMRC and to close the reappraisal money market account.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Vermont League of Cities and Towns economic opportunities and development workshop to be held in East Burke to discuss how to achieve goals.

2. Selectboard training seminars to be held at the Rutland Holiday Inn March 22nd and March 30th.

3. Report from Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance & reminder of Household Hazardous Waste day on May 5th.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: Kenny Luskin from Peckham Industries has said as soon as conditions are right, they plan to pave Route 315. Gravel has been applied lately to firm up back roads that lack a base of crushed slate.

2. The vote at Town Meeting gave approval to sell the two acres behind Sheldon's Store and work will proceed this year on the Town Green project.

3. Several Historical Society members in attendance wondered why their organization has not received the money from the sale of the plywood that was in the former Grange building. Mark will investigate the matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rich Ventrella spoke about a January 30th occurrence on Route 153, when he was driving a school bus and a Town truck plowing snow in the other lane did not yield enough space for him to safely pass. Mettawee School Principal Brooke DeBonis spoke her concern about bus driver Lisa Wood not feeling secure about descending the west side of Rupert Mountain on two occasions. She presented the Board with a written complaint from Lisa. Road Commissioner Jay "Skip" Wilson addressed both issues and the Board will discuss and consider the situations when all Board members are next in attendance.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. It was the consensus of the Board to appoint or retain the following people to these offices:

Zoning Administrator: John LaVecchia Jr. (3 year term, ending March 25, 2020)

Town Service Agent: Rupert Selectboard

Town Fire Warden: Mark Lourie

Town Health Officer: Kelli Raymond (3 year term which ends January 14, 2020)
Pound Keeper: Kelli Raymond
Tree Warden: Mark Lourie
Weigher of Coal & Fence Viewers: David Tooley, Donald S. Lewis and Edward Lewis
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood: Rupert Selectboard
Clerk of the Board: Linda Montague

2. It was the consensus of the Board to designate the following:

Official Banking Institution: Berkshire Bank
Official Banking Institution for Health Reimbursement Account: TD Bank
Official Town Newspapers for Publications: Rutland Herald and Vermont News Guide

3. There was a motion by Mark, seconded by Phil to have Linda Montague and Thomas Wilson be Co-Chairmen for the ensuing year. Motion carried.
4. Mark announced that tomorrow he is resigning from the Board in order to take on the duties of Delinquent Tax Collector, a post he was elected to on March 5th. Notices about the Selectboard vacancy will be posted and those interested in serving may apply.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Charlie Rockwell thanked Mark on behalf of the Town for his years of service on the Selectboard and good job in his capacity as Chairman. Charlie's words were followed by a hearty round of applause from those present.

Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Debbie, seconded by Linda to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk