

UNAPPROVED  
SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
MARCH 26, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Wilson, Linda Montague and Philip E. Mazzucco.

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Charles Rockwell, Michael McKeighan, Arlene Bentley, William Meyer, Borge Hermanson, Val Almosnino, Eugene Ceglowski, Donald & Althea Lewis, Susan Nichols, Brett Lourie, Jay "Skip" Wilson.

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Andrea will be licensing dogs on Saturday 03/30/19 from 9:00 to noon. Dogs must be licensed by April 1st.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. The Board examined the February budget status report.

2. In the orders were tax credit reimbursements amounting to about \$6,000.00 to those who filed their HS 122 late.

3. Lister Val Almosnino would like to attend three classes, at a cost to the Town of \$250.00. His lodging expense for the week long White River Junction course will be paid for by the State. It was the consensus of the Board to pay \$250.00 for the Lister related education.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Linda received a complaint of speeding through West Rupert. She told the resident to call the State Police, and tell them when speeding happens, give license plate numbers, and ask to set up the speed cart here in the village.

2. Tom Mosher of the Vermont State Police sent notice that a stopped school bus was passed in West Rupert. If anyone saw the incident, and noted the license plate, please contact the Shaftsbury Barracks with that information.

3. Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance will meet on April 12th, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Arlington Town Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway report: Road Commissioner Skip Wilson said that roadsides were being cleared for this season's paving jobs. The back roads were graded after the recent wet heavy snow. Got one load of road salt from the State and will start to grade some roads this week. Hauled gravel from Galusha's in Fort Ann and met with a VTrans official to address water run off problems at Sykes Hollow Road. We need to obtain permission from Mr. and Mrs. Andrea to place a berm on their property in order to keep water from running across Route 30 from Sykes Hollow Road. Sykes Hollow and Herrick Brook Roads will be needing more gravel this Spring.

2. Tom said we must continue working on establishing the Town lines, and to prioritize what needs to be done next.

3. Don asked the Board to consider appointing a five to six person committee for the Town Office renovations project, and have the committee report its progress to the Selectboard.

4. Val said the Town wide reappraisal is nearly done and the 2019 assessments books will be out by April 30th.

Grievance will take place the week of May 14th.

5. The Board signed the Annual Financial Plan for Highways.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Linda, seconded by Phil to appoint Jay "Skip" Wilson to be the Emergency Management Representative. Motion carried.

2. Skip Wilson asked the Board to think about pay raises for the Road Crew, as our hourly rates are below that of some other area towns. Also, the Road Crew's experience and skills allow for them to do most of the work, thereby nearly eliminating the need to hire subcontractors, which saves the Town money.

3. The Selectboard vacancy will be filled when all four members are present to make a decision. Don asked the Selectboard candidates to state their reasons for wanting to serve. Narratives were given by Mike McKeighan, Bill Meyer, Brett Lourie and Charlie Rockwell. Gene Ceglowski withdrew his name from the list of candidates, when he realized that Charlie wanted to serve on the Board. Andrea warned candidates that the Selectboard is on the Board of Civil Authority and has to handle tax appeals, which may be numerous this year due to the reappraisal, so to be prepared to meet more than twice per month.

Motion by Phil, seconded by Linda to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Montague  
Selectboard Clerk

