

TOWN OF WORCESTER, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD-SPECIAL MEETING 19 June 2017

Select board members present:

Cheri Goldstein

James “Ted” Lamb

Chris Casey

Guests present:

Katie Winklejohn (Town Clerk), Will Sutton (Fire Chief), Rodney Campbell

The meeting was called to order by Ted at 6:32 p.m.

Ted moved to accept the minutes of the 5 June 2017 Selectboard meeting. Chris seconded. Motion passed.

Public Input: - none

New Business:

Fire Department Review (Will Sutton)

Will spoke with Reynolds regarding the air packs. We will be buying 4 “demo” air packs with bottles (45 minute carbon fiber bottles) and face masks. Price is \$19,988. WFD turned in old steel bottles for \$50/piece (about \$900). WFD connected with Williston and they give us more 45 minute bottles (No Cost). In the next year we will be looking for grants or other demo equipment. This will need to begin near the end of this year (2017).

Coin drop – about \$1000. 4th July they will be doing the BBQ again.

Will will discuss with Brian (Road commissioner) to come up with a time when the crew can help to dig for the dry hydrant on Norton Road.

WFD will fill the water tank for the community garden space.

Fire Chief does not support any other group doing a coin drop in the town. Will states he believes it will be detrimental to the town. WFD will not loan out equipment.

Selectboard appears to have been given misinformation. The Selectboard is no longer in favor of this activity. Ted will relay this information to Michelle Hill and/or Penny Marwede

SETTING OF 2017 TOWN TAX RATE

The proposed revenues, the grand list, and last year’s numbers were presented. It appears that for every \$100k of property value, \$2.97 increase over last year.

Motion made to set the town tax rate at 0.6189 for the year 2017. (Ted/Chris) motion passed

4th July Fireworks Committee

Tabled indefinitely – moot now. Historical Society in charge of July 4th and fund raising should be under their purview

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Gould Corporation will have all of the electric work done before the end of June. They are waiting for a couple of parts and then will begin.

Delinquent taxes are the lowest they have been in over (at least) 12 years.

Old Business:

Sullivan and Powers called Ted with questions about the audit.

Town Hall Floors.

4 bids have been received.

Motion to accept the bid from Green Mountain Eco Floors, LLC for up to \$9,800 (Ted/Cheri). We would prefer that they use oil, over water. Motion passed.

Katie will work with the scheduling of the Town Hall.

Financial Policy Review.

Cash Receipt/Petty Cash/and Returned Check Policy (Motion to adopt this policy – Cheri/Chris - motion passed).

Fraud Prevention Policy (Motion to adopt this policy – Ted/Cheri – motion passed)

Capital Programming and Budget Policy (Motion to adopt this policy – Cheri/Ted – motion passed)

Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Policy (Motion to adopt this policy – Chris/Cheri – motion passed)

Town Service Officer

Discussion moved to the next meeting.

Correspondence:

Announcements: The next regularly-scheduled Selectboard meeting will be on 3 July 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Worcester Town Clerk's Office.

Bills: Signed as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheri Goldstein