

approved: 6/13/17

TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2017

Present: Kathy Hege; Robert Wright; Will Bissonnette; Irv Stowell; Steve Frisk

In Attendance: Joseph Daigneault; Eugene Kuch; Mike Bills; Robert Spencer, (WSWMD); Peter Gaskill, (Triple T); Richard Melanson, (BCTV); Craig Hunt

- 1. Call To Order:** Hege called the meeting to Order at 6:06 p.m.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes:** Wright made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of May 9, 2017**, seconded by Stowell and carried by those present.
- 3. Additions and Deletions:** None at this time.

4. Warrants: Wright made motions to approve the following Warrants.

52301 Payroll	\$ 10,623.75	seconded by Frisk and carried by those present.
52302 Payroll Taxes	\$ 4,254.14	seconded by Stowell and carried by those present.
52303 General	\$ 295.32	seconded by Frisk and FAILED by those present.
52304 Highway	\$ 965.26	seconded by Stowell and carried by those present.
52305 General	\$ 4,079.97	seconded by Frisk and carried by those present.
52306 Highway	\$ 947.62	seconded by Stowell and carried by those present.
52307 Equipment	\$ 225.73	seconded by Frisk and carried by those present.

5. Reports: Highway Report: None at this time. Bissonnette made a motion: **To instruct the Highway Foreman to submit a list of hazard trees to be cut prior to June 13th**, seconded by Stowell and carried by those present.

Town Clerk Report: The Select Board reviewed the Town Clerk's journal reports from the prior weeks.

Treasurer's Report: Daigneault reported that the General Fund held a balance of \$1,025,344.10.

6. Members of the Public: Eugene Kuch and Mike Bills of the Listers office were welcomed and discussion ensued regarding the Listers' request for a 30 day extension for filing the Grand List Abstract. The State Department of Taxes, Bills explained, had yet to complete the Homestead filings, or provide final figures for the Current Use program. Stowell made a motion: **To provide a 30 day extension to the Townshend Listers office for filing the Grand List**, seconded by Bissonnette and carried by those present.

Robert Spencer, Director of the Windham Solid Waste Management District and Peter Gaskill, General Manager of Triple T, were welcomed for discussion about the future of Townshend's Transfer Station. Through Triple T, Townshend could expect to pay \$145.00 for hauling a 30yd

recycling container and a tipping fee of approximately \$40.00 / ton. Spencer and Gaskill both urged that the Select Board consider compostable bags for the compostables that need to be separately collected after July 1st. Following lengthy questions and answers, Bissonnette made a motion: For the Town of Townshend to continue offering waste management services at the Townshend Transfer Station through FY 18, seconded by Stowell and carried by those present, with one abstention.

7. Correspondence: Hege read correspondence from Mark Mackintosh, Regional Construction Engineer for the Agency of Transportation, requesting that the Select Board sign a statement of acceptance for the reconstruction of Scott Bridge. Bissonnette made a motion: **To sign the statement providing municipal acceptance of the completed project, seconded by Wright.** During discussion, it was noted that no town official was kept informed during reconstruction, nor was invited to attend any inspections. It was also noted that failure to sign the statement of acceptance would be interpreted by AOT as acceptance after 30 days. The vote on the motion was called and the motion failed to carry by those present, with one abstention.

A letter from the Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance was forwarded to the Townshend Planning Commission.

8. Old Business: Roadside Mowing Contract: Wright made a motion: To award to Bruce Orchitt the contract for mowing Townshend's roadsides for an amount not to exceed \$11,200.00, seconded by Bissonnette and carried by those present.

Angell's Drainage: Stowell briefed Board members on a meeting with Christina Angell and Craig Hunt on May 16th, and recommended that before any other work is done, Townshend replace the 15" metal culvert under Oakwood Cemetery Road draining onto her property. Bissonnette then made a motion: To instruct the Highway Department to replace culvert #1 on Oakwood Cemetery Road prior to July 1, 2017, seconded by Frisk and carried by those present.

9. New Business: Dog Warrant: Wright made a motion: **To sign the Warrant instructing the Constable to seize any dogs in Townshend not yet licensed,** seconded by Bissonnette and carried by those present.

10. Executive Session: Stowell made a motion: To enter into Executive Session under 1 V.S.A. 313 a4, at 8:15 p.m., to discuss an employee or public official, seconded by Wright and carried by those present. The Select Board returned from Executive Session at 8:35 p.m., and, as a result, no action was taken.

11. Other Business: None at this time.

12. Meeting Schedule: Regular Meeting: June 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment: Stowell made a motion: **To adjourn at 8:38 p.m.,** carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt