

Townshend Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – approved September 10th 2019

Aug 27th, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Present: Kathleen Hege, Steven Frisk, Robert Wright, Will Bissonnette.

In Attendance: Joeseeph Daigneault, Karla Lumbra, Richard Melanson (BCTV), Cynthia Davis, Rick Hege

1. **Call to Order:** Hege called the meeting at 6:30pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Bissonnette moves to approve the minutes for August 13th, 2019, Frisk seconds, carried by those present
Special Minutes Aug 23rd: Bissonnette moves to approve the minutes for August 23rd, 2019, Frisk seconds, carried by those present
3. **Additions and Deletions:** Correspondence- Brattleboro Salvage
Bissonnette moves to take agenda out of order and take members of the public first, Frisk seconds, carried by those present
4. **Members of the Public:**
 - a. Rick Hege; Town Domain Name – The server which hosts the current licensing for the ‘townshendvt.net’ domain name is closing in about 6 months. R Hege asked the board if they wanted to retain the domain name going forward and if they did stated that a new hosting service would need to be found. He offered to do the necessary research on the town’s behalf but stated that he would need to be compensated for the time.
Wright motions for Rick Hege to review possibilities for new domains, at an expense not to exceed \$450.00, Bissonnette seconds, carried by those present with K Hege abstaining.
5. **Warrants:** Wright motions to pay warrants 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9, Frisk seconds, carried by those present

#1	Payroll	\$10,734.09
#2	Payroll Taxes	\$4,613.47
#3	Highway	\$21.27
#4	General Fund	\$11,824.60
#5	Highway	\$5,306.64
#6	Equipment	\$1,844.20

#7	General Fund	\$291.26
#8	Highway	\$45.38
#9	Equipment	\$91.90
	Total	\$34,772.81

6. Reports:

Highway: Frisk reports that the library has been paved and is waiting for rain to wash off the oil before painting lines. The crew continues clearing trees on Grafton Rd and Hazel Hill. Frisk reported that roadside mowing will begin next week.

a. Winter Sand – Frisk states the town has contracted with Cersosimo in previous years for winter sand and asks the board to consider contracting with Cersosimo for the upcoming winter. Frisk will contact company and bring a proposal to the next meeting.

b. RFP for ditching/stone lining sections of Plumb Rd – Grants in Aid program 20% from town at \$4,363.00, for \$21,813.00 grant funds. Wright motions to draw up an RFP for Plumb Rd, Bissonnette seconds, carried by those present

Town Clerk: Counter Report N/A

Town Treasurer: \$848,526.75 in Sweep acct, \$19,891.44 in checking acct

7. Correspondence:

a. Brattleboro Salvage will increase charges on Sept 1, 2019, for tipping fee by 8% per ton.

8. Old Business:

a. Roadside Mowing – machine arriving at mid- end of next week.

b. Taft Meadows – mowing almost done

9. New Business:

a. Ratify VLCT Safety Grant – Fire Department submitted a grant for a containment area for refilling breathing apparatus. The application was signed before board approval could be given due to extremely short filing deadlines. Bissonnette motions to ratify the submission of said grant, Frisk seconds, carried by those present

b. Cintas Fire Protection Proposal – Bissonnette motions to sign a one year service agreement with Cintas to bring fire extinguishers into compliance. Wright seconds, carried by those present

c. Update for septic health issue – n/a

- 10. Executive Session:**– Bissonnette motions to move into Executive Session under 1 V.S.A. 317(c)(4)to discuss legal correspondence, Frisk seconds, carried by those present.
The board came out of executive session at 7:44pm. Bissonnette made a motion to table the discussion until September 10th, Frisk seconds, carried by those present.
- 11. Meetings:** September 10th, @ 7pm. Note different starting time due to Australian Ballot vote for Leland & Gray heating plant.
- 12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm**