

2013 04-15

Town of Windham Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting: April 15, 2013

Present: Mary Boyer Select Board Chair

Margaret Dwyer Selectman

Frank Seawright Selectman

Peter Chamberlain Treasurer

Alison Trowbridge Clerk

Rodney Watkins Town Highway Foreman

Bill Roberts Town Highway Assistant

Heath Boyer Town Representative to Windham Regional Commission

Called to order at 6:35.

Executive Session: Mary made a motion to go into Executive Session to first prepare for and then conduct Rodney Watkins' and Bill Roberts' annual evaluations for a total duration of approximately one and one half hours. Frank seconded, the Board voted all in favor, so carried.

Executive Session started at 6:38 and ended at 8:30.

Nancy Tips' letter regarding Meadowsend proposed wind project: Reviewed by Board (see attached letter.)

WRC Contract: Draft reviewed and agreed upon at 4/1/13 meeting and Board is awaiting the final copy for signing. Mary will contact John Bennett at WRC.

Vermont Technical College (VTC) Met Tower: The Board noted that VTC is installing a meteorological tower at Frank Seawright's house that will be monitored by the students to determine weather conditions.

Liability Contract for Waker Event (Frendly Gathering Music Festival): The Board wants an agreement from the event organizers that the event will be covered by its own liability insurance so the Town will have no liability.

Vault sold to Jim Morey: Margaret made a motion for the Town to pay Jim Morey \$150.00 for the old vault he bought from the Town approximately 12 years ago that can't be opened. Frank seconded, the Board voted all in favor and the motion carried.

VLCT Selectboard Seminar: Attended by Margaret, Mary and Peter on April 13. It provided helpful information on the Open Meeting Law, communication and financial planning. The Board was reminded about the importance of backing up files and plans to research this more.

Hoosac, MA, Wind Site Visit: Heath reported on attending a meeting of residents in Hoosac, Ma, the site of an Iberdrola windsite. A lawsuit is being brought against the company by Hoosac residents and others from Hardscrabble, NY. Heath emphasized the importance of fighting these projects before they're built because afterwards towns and residents have very little recourse. He learned that towns can create specific funds to fight or promote such projects that can accept tax deductible contributions from donors.

Town Plan Update: The Planning Commission completed work on the energy section of the Town Plan.

Memorial Day Flags: The Board was informed that there are enough leftover flags so none will need to be bought this year. The Board stressed its commitment to continue buying flags for Memorial Day as they're needed.

Minutes from 4/1/18 Regular Select Board Meeting: These were reviewed by the Board. Mary made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Margaret seconded and the Board voted all in favor. The motion carried.

Minutes from 4/4/13 Special Meeting: These were reviewed by the board and Frank made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mary and the Board voted all in favor. The motion carried.

Winter Roads Report Update: (see attached) Peter showed a preliminary figure of approximately \$35,000 left in 2013 for winter roads (this is to hopefully cover November and December 2013.)

Orders and Payroll: The Board signed pay orders.

Adjournment: Margaret made a motion to adjourn. Frank seconded and the Board voted all in favor. The motion carried.

Adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Approved by Select Board _____ (date) _____ Town
Clerk