DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Selectboard Meeting

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Attendees:

Frank Seawright Selectboard Chair

Maureen Bell

Kord Scott

Jo Jo Chlebogiannis – Town Clerk

Robert Bingham-Planning Commission Chair

Jerry Dyke – Resident

Nancy Dyke – Resident

Alan Partridge – Resident

Gail Wyman - Resident

Payl Wyman - Resident

Vance Bell - Resident

Walter Woodruff - Resident

Mary Lou Woodruff - Resident

Dennis Fahey – Resident

Michael Simonds – Lister

Kathy Scott – Assistant Treasurer

Skip Lisle – Grafton Selectboard Member

Laura Hayes –MTL Office Manager

Fact T.V. Video Taped Meeting

Peter Chamberlain – Treasurer and Temporary Selectboard Clerk for Alison Trowbridge

Frank Seawright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Frank Seawright asked for additions and deletions to the agenda.

Kord Scott wanted to add “Procedures” and “Overweight Vehicles and Permits”.

Maureen Bell wanted to add the “Dog Ordinance”

Maureen Bell made a motion to adopt minutes of July 14, 2016 meeting. Frank Seawright seconded. Maureen and Frank approved. Kord Scott abstained.

The Board adopted the minutes of July 14, 2016 Special Selectboard Meeting.

Announcements –

Frank Seawright said that Public Comments would follow each agenda item, confined to that agenda item. Unrelated public comments would come under Other Business.

Roads – Kord Scott reported that the road paying projects are 90% done. Chip seal and road shoulder work is connected to a State grant. New chloride tanks are here and will be filled soon. Mowing is done. The town has applied for a Better back Roads grant for training on the grader.

The treasurer reported that the town’s cash flow is fine. Tax bills for 2016 will be created and sent out soon.

The NEMRC Dog Program was discussed and Alan Partridge questioned the worth of the program because of cost. Jo Jo Chlebogiannis said having the records computerized is much better than doing it the old way.

Hazardous Building on Windham Hill Road – Frank Seawright reported that he had talked to the owners. They replied that they were working with their insurance company to get help.

Frank read a letter from Heritage Engineering (attached). Frank asked the public for comments.

Frank also reported a communication from the Town Attorney about placing a lien. (attached)

Dennis Fahey said electricity is still on and is dangerous, especially with children.

Robert Bingham suggested that the town contact the owner’s insurance company.

Kathy Scott wanted to know if we could use an “Attractive Nuisance Law?”

Maureen Bell will contact the Town Attorney and will contact the owner’s insurance company.

Kord Scott made a motion to hire Heritage Engineering. Frank Seawright seconded. All approved.

The Board also appointed Michael Simonds to the position of Building Safety Officer.

The Board will send another letter to the homeowners that the Town will schedule Heritage Engineering, if the homeowners agree, to do what the Heritage Engineering letter says it will do.

Selectboard Members –

Frank Seawright said the number of trucks accessing the VELCO line was for repair work on the access road.

Town Website

Discussion followed a “develop it or drop it “choice. There is a software package that the Town can lease. The problem is keeping it current. Who will maintain it? Vance Bell volunteered to look into possibilities for websites.

Town Meeting to vote on November 8, 2016 ballot.

Frank Seawright read a letter to be sent to Town Of Windham Voters (attached), Discussion followed. Frank reported conversation with the VT Secretary of State on August 3, 2016 Town Meeting to decide if voters want an Australian ballot on November 8, 2016.

By August 19, 2016 the Town must submit the wording for the Australian Ballot.

Discussion of the Letter to Windham Voters. Alan Partridge questioned the word “ridgeline”. He did not think it was accurate. Frank Seawright suggested possibly replacing “ridgelines” with Meadowsend Property.” Finally the Board decided to replace “ridgelines” in line 4 with “Meadowsend Timberlands/Stiles Brook site.”

Walter Woodruff read a letter from the Wind Turbine Process Group. (Attached). He reminded attendees that there will be a meeting at the school with Attorney Sandak providing information. Frank Seawright voiced his concern that the Town should not make it appear that we accept wind turbines by negotiating with Iberdrola. Walter Woodruff wants the Selectboard to talk to and negotiate with Iberdrola.

Robert Bingham reviewed a law case in California involving Iberdrola overcharging customers that took fifteen years to settle.

Robert Bingham and Nany Dyke both stated that the appropriate time to talk to Iberdrola would be after the Town vote on November 8, 2016 if the voters approved of the project.

Maureen Bell read the last paragraph from Jenny Briot’s letter, (attached)

Robert Bingham said that the Windham Town Plan has many safeguards and that he never heard of a “negotiated vote”.

Nancy Dyke referenced meetings with Iberdrola and Meadowsend when Carolyn Partridge clarified the percentage of voters needed to reject the wind turbines.

CAI Contract (copy attached)

The Board signed the contract.

Frendly Gathering –

Frank Seawright related the events of that weekend and the agreement that Tim Waker, property owner, agreed to. Frank said the amplified music went way past the agreed upon time. Frank sent an email to Annie Beiner. Frank has not received any response from her, or Time Waker, or the promoters.

Dog Ordinance – The Board will review it once more and take it up at the next Board Meeting.

Procedures – Kord Scott and Jo Jo Chelebogiannis discussed keeping permits and procedures in order in the town office. Kord will write one. The Board will included the Road Foreman in the process.

Frank Seawright made a motion to remove Bonnie Chamberlain from the Town credit card and add Jo Jo Chlebogiannis

as a signer on the Town credit card and on the Town Sweep checking account. Maureen Bell seconded. All in favor.

Jo Jo Chlebogiannis offered an air conditioner for Town Office use. Kord Scott made a motion to accept it. Maureen Bell seconded. All in favor.

Kord Scott will examine the fluorescent lighting and ballasts in the Town Office.

The Town Clerk said that she will be changing the Town Clerk hours and they will be posted on the front door.

The Board signed “Pay Orders” and Windham County Sheriff’s contract.

Frank Seawright read a letter from Jo Jo Chlebogiannis about the condition of the new paving in front of her house and driveway. Kord Scoot will investigate.

Kord Scott made a motion to appoint the Road Foreman, Josh Dryden as a “Duly Authorized Agent” on heavyweight permits. Frank Seawright seconded. All in favor.

Frank Seawright made a motion to adjourn at 9:15. Maureen bell seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Chamberlain

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Approved Minutes