**Town of Windham**

**Selectboard Meeting**

**May 7, 2018**

**Present:**

Kord Scott Selectman

Peter Chamberlain Treasurer

Robert Kehoe Selectman

Maureen Bell Selectwoman

Claudia Voight Selectboard Clerk

Bill Dunkel Planning Commission

Maureen Scott

Russell Cumming

Joyce Cumming

Robert Bingham

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Leigh Merinoff

Peter Newton

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Maureen Bell

**Additions to Agenda/Announcements/Reminders:**

* Reminder:
  + Special Selectboard Meeting on Monday night 5/14 at 6 p.m. at Town Office
* Additions:
  + Executive Session added at end of Meeting to discuss personal issue added to agenda
  + Delinquent tax property on Route 121 discussion added to agenda

**Approve Minutes:**

* 4/24 Minutes
  + Approved
* 5/4 Minutes
  + Approved
* 4/23
  + Approved

**Public Comments:**

* Wednesday 6:30 pm night joint meeting of energy/planning commission – to vote on preferred site
* Leigh Merinoff – expressed concerns about training of new Road Crew member when hired
  + Concerned about tax dollars going into roads
  + What is long range plan, is there one?
  + Bob Kehoe – we have addressed most concerns and looking to hire entry level individual who we can train, salt use is down
* Peter Chamberlain –
  + Town making investments in many ways including new equipment
  + Hiring someone with experience is way to go
  + It takes years to train someone new who does not have experience

**New Business:**

* Questions/concerns about overweight permits/insurance, logging trucks going through town
  + Resident discussed loggers in her area – they have no overweight permits, had Mike send forms, not sure it they responded
  + Weight limit for roads needs to be looked at – some roads still need weight limit determined
  + Permit application needs to be updated; many numbers and names are outdated or need to be changed.
  + Bob is looking into doing a “No Through Trucks” sign and having installed
* Update on Roads Grant and meeting with Engineer
  + Awarded $175,000 Grant
  + 3 years to use Grant money
  + Bridge on Rte. 121 alone will cost twice Grant amount
  + Only $55,000 in Town Bridge Fund
  + No plans for differential in cost
  + Discussion revolved around time limit – using one Grant before being awarded another
  + Cannot apply for another Grant until initial Grant is used
  + Project has not gone out for bids yet – need 3 bids
  + 2nd project on Abbot Road less but have to use money for project applied for which is bridge on Rte. 121
  + Need to make decision to accept Grant or not
  + Kord made Motion to accept Grant
    - All in favor
    - Motion approved
  + Meeting with Everett Hammond/Engineer needs to be setup
* Update on condition of Garage; pre-OSHA inspection
  + Josh and Bob met with VT League City Towns for 3.5 hours regarding Town Garage
  + 18 action items determined
  + List to go out for Bids
  + Large fines for Town if not up to OSHA standards
  + Discussion revolved around forming Committee and repairs that are needed, may be best to build new Garage
  + Committee to focus on new Town Garage to be developed
  + Announcement in News/Notes for interested individuals for Committee
* Seasonal work activity at Garage
  + Josh discussed list of items needs to be done
  + Road repair, brush/debris/ditches/culverts…etc
  + Gravel money is gone and Town needs gravel for culverts
  + Further discussion needed on this subject
* The Meeting House/Church sabbatical
  + Rumors re: Church closing, it is not, some members away so sabbatical being taken, no services
  + Suggestion to discuss long term plan for Church
  + Will be meeting in July
  + One issue for Church – tree lighting ceremony – size of tree blocks Church
  + Suggestion to take tree down and putting up smaller tree in another location – determination needs to be made
  + Friends of Church Committee focuses on exterior of Church and would be on board with decision to take down tree
  + Discussion about selling Church, need to determine who owns property and develop plan for future of Church, to be put on the “To Do List”
* Update from VLCT
  + Focuses on Selectboard Clerk To Do List, Job Description and Meeting Minutes
  + Responses from State attached

**Old Business:**

* Town Office maintenance update
  + Mike/Town Clerk called in to meeting and reviewed what needs to be done
    - Trim around Clap Boards, Shutters, Roof Panel/Standing Seam, Outdoor Spigot, Town Sign Repainted, Crawl Space Insulation, Electrical, Heat pumps for Office
  + A few local residents signed up for some of the repairs
  + Items to be added to “To Do List”
  + Map Storage System/Plat ordered
  + Computer for Lister’s
    - $1,000 in Budget
    - Quote from Computers by Ken between $700-$900
* Tax issue on Route 121 for abandoned property
  + Suggestion to sell property
    - Jeff Wheeler not interested in purchasing property
    - Leigh Merinoff expressed interest and will take a look at it

**Correspondence/Payroll/Bills:**

* Bills and correspondence reviewed

**Executive Session:**

* Kord made Motion to enter Executive Session at 8:25 to discuss personal issue
  + All in favor
  + Motion approved
  + Selectboard exited Executive Session at 8:45
* Kord made Motion that the single position of Road Commissioner be abandoned and the Selectboard act as the Commission
  + All in favor
  + Motion approved
* Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:46 by Maureen
  + All in favor
  + Meeting adjourned
* Next regular meeting: Monday, May 21