Approved at SB meeting 3.18.19

**Windham, VT Select Board Minutes**

Regular Meeting

March 4, 2019

Windham Town Office

**Present:**

Kord Scott Selectman

Maureen Bell Selectwoman

Bob Kehoe Selectman

Claudia Voight Select Board Clerk

Kathy Jungermann Auditor

Keith Jungermann

Kathy Scott Assistant Treasurer

Louise Johnson

Tom Johnson Planning Commission

Russ Cumming Lister

Joyce Cumming

Bill Dunkel Planning Commission

Dawn Bower Planning Commission

Bob Bingham

Vance Bell Planning Commission

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

**Additions to Agenda; Announcements & Reminders**

No Additions to Agenda

**Approve final minutes**

Motion made by Maureen to accept corrected version of 2/18/19 Selectboard meeting – all in favor - approved

**Public Comment**

Bob Bingham commented in regard to the delinquent tax – suggested that the Town Attorney move on property tax list, Kord will follow up on this

Dawn Bower commented in regard to parking for the Town Meeting, making certain snow is cleared and ample parking is open, also that there could be parking available at the school, if needed.

**New Business**

The Nature Conservancy –

Maureen presented a letter from Jon Binhammer, Protection Director (attached) in regards to the Conservancy’s purchase of the McGraw Family land in Windham. They will be holding sessions with townspeople about the land and give people opportunity to express their thoughts. Jon also offered to attend a Town meeting to answer questions. Please refer to letter attached.

**Old business**

Logging Bond

Chris Cummings sent an email to the Selectboard (attached) in regard to Loggers requirement to post a $500 bond for each logging job they engage in. This bond is to help pay for road damage from the Logging trucks. Chris would like to know if this is being enforced. Peter Heyniger has expressed in handling the job of enforcement.

Budget review for Town Meeting

Maureen asked if anyone had any particular questions regarding the Budget. A question was asked about Road Budget and why it is going up considerably. Kord went on to explain the reason and distributed a breakdown (attached) the roads are not in good shape and there is a lot of paving to be done. Last year the Board anticipated an increase in Education costs, so we kept the Roads budget tight to counteract that. Kord went on to discuss breakdown and differential between last year and this year and why this year shows an increase. Kathy Scott mentioned that payroll is up also for roads which impacts the bottom line. Bob K. explained Richard’s position. Discussion expanded on the current employees and the weather this year which also has had an impact.

Kord also went on to discuss the VT Clean Water Act 64, mandatory compliance. This will rely on manpower which also impacts the Roads Budget. Maureen commented that the surrounding Towns have also had to increase their Roads Budget due to the same concerns.

Maureen mentioned that even though Kord is no longer the Roads Commissioner he still stays actively involved and works closely with the Roads Team. Kord also mentioned the increase in the salt usage over the past few years and how Richard is trying to conserve the best he can.

Maureen thanked Joyce for stepping in at the last Meeting and taking notes and also thanked Bob Kehoe for his service as Select Board member as this is his last meeting.

**Correspondence/Payroll/Bills**

Board went on to discuss all correspondence, payroll and bills

**Executive Session to discuss legal issues**

Maureen moved to go into Executive Session at 7:30 to discuss a legal issue that’s come before the Board.

No decisions were made.

Maureen moved to exit Executive Session at 7:40.

Kord moved to approve the agreement with the State per Town Attorney Bob Fisher’s email and recommendation of February 27.  All were in agreement.

Maureen will contact Bob regarding this issue.

Kord moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45.  All were in agreement.

Next regular meeting is the Organizational Meeting: March 18, 2019

**Attachments:**

Budget breakdown

2/26/19 email from Christopher Cummings re: Logging bond

2/22/19 Nature Conservancy letter re: land purchase

2/20/19 letter from Townshend Community Food Shelf

2/21/19 letter from Ernie Friedli re: Summer Camp Funds & Selectboard response

Vermont Department of Labor notice of benefit charges

Proposed Roads Budget & Long Term Paving Plan

Town of Windham Bank Account Reconciliation

Agency of Natural Resources Municipal Roads Program

Respectfully Submitted Claudia M. Voight; Selectboard Clerk 3/8/19