**Windham Select Board**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 16, 2016**

**Present: Frank Seawright Chair**

**Kord Scott Selectman**

**Maureen Bell Selectman**

**Nancy Tips Resident**

**Bob Bingham Planning Commission**

**Vance Bell Resident**

**Alan Partridge Resident**

**Walter Woodruff Resident**

**Gail Wyman Resident**

**Peter Chamberlain Town Treasurer**

**Alison Trowbridge Select Board Clerk**

The meeting was called to order by Frank at 6:30 pm.

1. **Additions/Deletions**: The Energy Committee would like to request money for energy audits

2. **Public Comment**: Gail Wyman pointed out that the Scott Pet Road sign was missing

3. **Minutes of 5-2-16:** Frank made a motion to approve the minutes of 5-2-16 as presented. The Board voted all in favor.

4. **Minutes of 5-10-16:** Frank made a motion to approve the minutes of 5-10-16 as presented. The Board voted all in favor.

5. **Energy Audit of Meeting House:** Michael Simonds is requesting for the energy committee $300-$350 to perform the meeting House energy audit.

6. **Renewable Energy Siting Bill:** Certified town plans can be considered in the Public Service Board (PSB) Certificate of Public Good (CPG). Regional Planning Commissions are the ones to certify town plans. The regional plans must be certified as well. The Public Service Board is supposed to consider noise. Wind turbine noise is presently considered a hazard. In 45 days the PSB must have temporary standards are in place and by July 2017.

7. **Tax Abatement Meeting:** There have been two requests for tax abatement. One is to be dealt with by the Listers. The other one is for a house on Windham Springs Road that burned. The Select Board tentatively set June 6 at 5:30 pm.

8. **Frendly Gathering:** Two items were submitted from them: An entertainment permit and a liquor license permit. Conditions of the permit are that electric equipment stops by 11 pm on Thursday, midnight on Friday, 1:00 am on Saturday night. The Board emphasized the importance of having the festival sticking to this schedule. The Fire Company donation from last year has been resolved. The liquor license application from the hard cider company was also reviewed. Kord indicated that liquor sales and consumption must be restricted to a confined area set off with a fence. This was added as a condition to the permit application. The Board approved the application with this condition.

9. **Dangerous Building:** Shalom Smith received the certified letter from the Board and has not responded. The house in South Windham is quickly deteriorating. The Board will re-read the ordinance and discuss this situation at the next meeting. There is presently no building inspector. Alan Partridge pointed out that Nathan Boynton, a resident in Town, was formerly a home inspector.

10. **Dog Ordinance:** Maureen and Frank will review the Big Book of Woof from VLCT and edit the proposed dog ordinance to be as enforceable as possible. Frank talked to Cathy Clay who received the certified letter from the Board. She hadn’t received the agreement from her lawyer and Frank brought her a copy. She indicated willingness to follow the court order.

11. **Roadside Mowing:** Two bids were received. One from M&M for $4500 and one from Bruce Orchitt for $6650. Bruce Orchitt’s estimate included mowing on the other side of the guard rails.

12. **Town Meeting Voting Procedure:** VLCT says that elections involving votes from the floor (paper ballot and voice) are run by the moderator and Australian ballot votes are run by the Town Clerk. Kord handed out a memo regarding voting in Town. At this year’s Town Meeting, ballots were numbered and the numbers could be, at least in some cases, correlated with the sign in sheet number of people who voted. While this appears to be accidental more than intentional, it is inappropriate and the Board expressed its concern over this matter. Maureen will look into voting machines for the Town. Alan requested that the numbered ballots be saved in the vault. They need to be saved for 3 months any way according to the State’s retention schedules. The Board is waiting for an opinion from the Secretary of State on this. The Board acknowledged that this problem occurred. Kord emphasized the importance of the ballots being maintained in the vault until the Town hears from the Secretary of State and kept at least until June 6.

13. **Treasurer’s Report:** There is $411,000 in the Town’s People’s Bank account.

14. **Motion to Adjourn:** Frank made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm .

Adjourned at at 8:10 pm .

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Select Board Clerk:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For File: Zoning permits for Lewis Lettenberger and Erik & Alexis Mialkowski

Wastewater and Potable Water Supply Permit for

Peter Heyniger and Sarah Larkin

Returned receipt from Cathy Clay letter

Memo from Kord regarding elections

Entertainment Permit