**Town of Windham Vermont**

Select Board Meeting Minutes

9/18/2017

**Present:**

**Frank Seawright Chair**

**Kord Scott Selectman**

**Maureen Bell Selectwoman**

**Vance Bell Planning Commission**

**Peter Chamberlain Town Treasurer**

**Tom Johnson Planning Commission**

**Bill Dunkel Planning Commission**

**Bob Bingham**

**Louise Johnson**

**Mary Boyer**

**Susan Persa**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Frank

**Changes to agenda**

Kord – salt bids need to be discussed

**Approve previous minutes**

Once changes are made they will be accepted, move to approve made by Maureen and 2nd by Kord

**Public comments**

No public comments

**Announcements**

Frank has one thing - email received from Bill Anton– he was speaking for another individual and wanted to know if he could come to a Select Board meeting to get to know us – open channel of communication – sent to Carolyn Partridge for feedback – they will attend on 11/2 to introduce themselves

Upcoming 9/21 SG and Road Crew meeting

Visitation requested by Bill Anton, Sup Windham CSU and L/G principal Bob Thibault

SB/Road Crew quarterly meeting 9/19 - postponed

**Business**

New Business:

**Special fund for memorial to our military** – Mary Boyer and Susan Persa would like to establish a fund for a memorial

As written in News & Notes re: veterans memorial to honor vets from ww1 to Korean war, made of wood and taken over by elements – committee identified Windham vets who served and into future vets – plans to find large local boulder and have it treated by contractor to have plaques with names on the boulder – names would be identified by killed in action, or special awards…etc.

Need to determine site for memorial – more planning needed – included in memorial would be an area for meditation – John Stevens will do research to identify vets.

Board suggests the set-up of a special fund where fundraising can be done with separate checking account – identify who can sign checks. If funds are left over they would be left for maintenance – also to add new names.

Research determined re: stone and lettering target would be aprox $5,000

Frank – some money can be from VFW – they have been working with VFW – they have supplied additional names of individuals who are not on current memorial

Kord - can cemetery be responsible for fund – Mary would like this to be separate – not asking for $ from town – will fundraise

Susan helped develop the idea – Walter Woodruff also has been searching for stone –

Question – have they thought of vets who died in hospital as result of serving or PTSD – something to think about –

Mary – death related to any action would be accepted

Question – how much property needed – about 10 x 15 –

Two placks needed for ww1 and ww2 –

Proposal will be submitted to cemetery commission

If they consult with legislature they will fly a flag for designation

Kord– motion for treasurer to establish fund- approved – funded by private donations

Town treasurer will fund administrator

**Town Clerk – equipment needs**

Mike - Money for transfer station punch card – we have cash in office and is concern – wants ways to deal with cash – have video cameras – wants to put lock box in vault – vault can be secured – funds are available for lock box –

Maureen – who transfers money – Mike the treasurer does – deposit is done once a week and once a month check written to Londonderry –

Mike says it’s a lot of work and no $ for work from Londonderry

**Road Sign – hidden driveway requested**

Letter from 9/6 – 2 requests – Maureen read letter – difficulty seeing oncoming vehicles – concerned about danger element – wants Select Board to consider a sign to make drivers aware – also comment on speed limit even if drivers go 50/60 –

Kord – we can have Sheriff go over there – signs do not work – enforcement works best – suggest having sheriff monitor for speeders – we have contract for 6 hrs a month to monitor and we can increase if needed – it is paying for itself as we get piece of the ticket price

Frank – speed bumps – Kord no – perhaps painting or cutting grooves in road –

Maureen– what is involved with getting speed lowered – Kord – its very time consuming and people fly no matter what - best solution is enforcement

Frank – hidden driveway sign will be put up –

Kord – will talk to sheriff re: locations of concern

Old Business:

**Long range road resurfacing**

We have 2 bids for salting – last year we paid $81.80 for salt – same vendor this year $71.97 based on 450 tonnage however we have been using 650

American rock salt – $71.32 – 65 cents less than other – Josh wants to stay with Cargo – feedback re: American having delivery problems – we don’t have large salt shed so he wants to stay with who we have

Kord recommends we stay with current provider

Maureen: will they drop price with we get above 450 – Kord: we can ask if we commit to 600 – Maureen: we should see if they will lower price

Kord: motion to stay with cargo and try to negotiate – approved

**Road Resurfacing:**

Frank – got info on road resurfacing – Kord started at one town meeting

Jim Scott said we need more professional input re: roads, electrical engineer did proposal –

Grant programs for planning concepts to take long term paving plan in report - Kord helped put together

Not a serious evaluation – no reconstruction – Kord was able to get grant to refine plan –

Frank: invoice for $6800 Frank does not recall seeing info on this and is confused

Kord – grant was approved and he had documentation

Frank has never seen reports

Kord, bid was reviewed and he will bring to next Select Board meeting

Frank explained the road surface software to attendee

Maureen to frank - we will hold up payment – Frank yes as he does not recall anything about this and would like to review

**Executive session – lease option for town property**

Frank – checked with Bob Fisher about going into Executive Session and he said yes as it involves a lease

Select Board went into executive session at 7:15 – session over at 7:46

Frank making motion to vote to sign lease option before inform the voters of what the proposal is – all in favor to sign before – no one – opposed no one wants to sign before

Maureen suggestion we either as group or one Select Board member talk to energy committee about going forward with proposal to towns folk –

Frank: when do you want to do it – perhaps at next energy meeting – Vance not certain – Frank - we can do 2 things 1- have special Select Board meeting - Frank is not in favor

2 – go to next energy meeting and Kord and Maureen would go - energy committee needs to be warned if 2 or more Select Board members will attend

**Treasurers report as needed**

Frank - when will budget be prepared – Treasurer: 10/2 -

**Correspondence – review bills and sign orders**

Select Board reviewed various correspondence for signing and distributing

Maureen motioned to adjourn at 7:56 - all approved