

North Hero Selectboard Meeting
Monday, January 4, 2016 6:00 P.M.
North Hero Town Office Meeting Room
DRAFT

In Attendance: Selectboard: Rob Rousseau, Eileen Mitchel, Andre Quintin, Ben Joseph, Evan Potvin

Town Clerk/ Treasurer: Pete Johnson
Public Works: Jim Dubuque
Board Clerk: Kathie Dustira

Guests: Sheriff Ray Allen

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Rob called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Signed and approved for payment of \$14,428.08

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

The agenda was adjusted to accommodate guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ❖ Andre motioned to accept the minutes of 12/07/2015. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 5/0.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

- Sheriff Ray Allen -Update and Budget
 - The Town of North Hero has the distinction of four years without any alcohol or drug related car accident fatalities, a decrease from previous years. Four officers, including Ray, attended the National Sheriff's Association in Chicago where they received one of two National Safety Awards.
 - The State of VT purchased a new search and rescue boat and has loaned the old one to the North Hero Police Department. The 24 foot aluminum boat has two engines and many rescue features. It is valued at \$80,000.
 - The Department is currently dealing with the Human Rights Commission due to an incident involving a car passenger. The car was stopped in Alburgh for speeding. They were cited and released. An article about the incident was written in the St. Albans Messenger.
 - Ray stated how much he appreciates the Town's support and all of his staff.
 - The budget was discussed. Ray stated that North Hero Town is 12 percent of their caseload.
 - The number of children who don't attend school is a problem. A guideline protocol was created for truancy, which is hand delivered by the Sheriff's Department.

- Ben asked the Sheriff to let him know if they have any problems with the Court system. He is willing to help in whatever way he can. Sheriff Ray Allen stated that “If they close the (North Hero) Court, it will be a big public safety problem.”
- The Board and the Sheriff expressed they were worried about the possible legalization of marijuana in VT. Sheriff Allen stated that in states where it has passed, there have been high increases in driving and other accidents.

Public Works: Jim Dubuque

- The roads have been cleared well.
- The water valves were checked. The main water shut off, by Canal Road and Blockhouse Pt. Road was hit by the plow and fixed.
- Andre has been helping.
- The big truck needs batteries.
- The heater in the garage was fixed and there is a new hot water tank.
- Eileen moved to accept the Certificate of Highway Mileage and to have Rob sign it. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 5/0.

Town Clerk: Pete Johnson

- Andre motioned to cancel the next Selectboard meeting scheduled for January 18th, since it is Martin Luther King Day. The motion was seconded by Eileen and passed 5/0.
- Eileen moved that Andre be able to sign documents for the warrant, in lieu of the next meeting being held February 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 5/0.
- Andre motioned to accept the Town Budget with a 7.1% increase. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 5/0.
- Eileen will write the dedication for the Town Report, and Andre will help with the editing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

- Solar Project – Ben
 - o The request for the Grand Isle Solar project is pending, but they should know by April whether it is a go.
 - o The tax credit plan for Solar has been extended for five years.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

CORRESPONDENCE SHARING: DISCUSSION OR ACTION

- The Board passed various correspondences around for review.

AGENDA BUILDING

- None
- Eileen motioned to close the Selectboard meeting and enter into Liquor Control Board. The motion was seconded by Evan and passed 5/0.

LIQUOR CONTROL SESSION

- Ben motioned to grant Shore Acres 1st Class and Outside Consumption Liquor licenses. The motion was seconded by Eileen and passed 5/0.
- Eileen motioned to adjourn the Liquor Board meeting and reconvene the Selectboard Meeting. The motion was seconded by Andre and passed 5/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OTHER BUSINESS

- Andre motioned the Public Information Meeting be held on February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Eileen and passed 5/0.
- Andre will write the Town Report rough draft.

ADJOURNMENT

- Eileen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 5/0.

C: Board: Robert/ Eileen / Andre / Ben / Evan

Town Clerk

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