

North Hero Selectboard Meeting

Monday, June 06, 2016 7:00 P.M.

North Hero Town Office Meeting Room

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In Attendance: Selectboard: Andre Quintin, Ben Joseph, Eileen Mitchell, Todd Keyworth, Evan Potvin

Town Clerk/ Treasurer: Pete Johnson

Public Works: Jim Dubuque

Board Clerk: Kathie Dustira

Guests: Ritch Winter

Ken Bassett

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Andre called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Signed and approved for payment of \$399,723.84

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

The agenda was adjusted to accommodate visitors, and three items were added: School Lot Discussion; Public Works part - time employee discussion and Coin drop approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ❖ Eileen motioned to accept the 05-16-2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 5/0.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

- Ritch Winter, Pelots Bay Association gave a summary of the harvester grant which last expired in 2013, and is due to expire in October 2016. PBRA is applying for another grant and they are asking the Town for a three year extension. There is a "hold harmless" and PBRA is responsible for the equipment.

It was suggested that they harvest Pelots Bay every other year, and add other areas inbetween.

- ❖ Ben motioned to have the PBRA grant generated and brought back to the Board for. The motion was seconded by Evan and passed 5/0.
- Ken Bassett wanted to say "thank you" to Jim Dubuque for sweeping Blockhouse Point Road.

Public Works:

- Part time PW person - The last worker agreed to terminate his employment with the Town due to the work being too difficult. Jim suggested another person who he thinks will do very well in the job. Jim will talk to him about it.
- ❖ Andre motioned to hire a new person for the Public Works part time position. The motion was seconded by Eileen and passed 5/0.
- Roadside Mowing - Chad has started mowing; he works 20 hours a week.

- There is a full tank of gas at the Town Garage, and gas is only used for the lawnmowers. Rowley's was called to remove the tank, but they will not do it, nor can they take the gas back. Todd motioned that the gas be donated to CIDER. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 5/0. Pete will talk to CIDER.
- They have started putting up posts for the new signs.
- Tree Contract – Barrettes tree service is the only other tree company that provided the town with a quote, but have been too busy to do the job up to now. It was suggested to ask All Tree Service since they are working in the area.
- Grant for Abnaki Road and West Shore Road - They are waiting to see if the grant is approved.
- They are working on the culverts for Pelot's and Lakeview Road.
- Pike is to pave Station Road if weather permits this week.
- The Fire Station meeting is scheduled for June 22 at 5:00. Mike, Eileen, Evan and Jim will attend.

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- ❖ Coin Drop - Evan motioned to allow the coin drop to be held on two Saturdays: July 16 and August 20, 2016. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 5/0.

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

- ❖ School Lots - Currently there is a hold on properties that are on School Lots and they can not be sold as fee simple. Selectboards are needing to decide whether to release the old stipulation to make it easier for homeowners to sell their properties. A Public hearing needs to be held before any decisions can be made. About ten to twelve other VT towns are going through this process. Mr. Giles recommends an agent be made to sign off as each property comes up for sale, should the Board agree. Mr. Giles has drafted a Notice for the meeting and also a Quit Claim Deed, should the Board decide to do this. Ben motioned to set a public hearing for deciding the issue of School Lots. The motion was seconded by Todd and passed 5/0.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Ben attended the NWMC (North Western Medical Center) re: Solar Power S230. This bill would give Towns more say in where to put the solar farms. Shumlin has vetoed the bill.
- Pete reported the Water Department bills will go out Wednesday and will contain a flyer for people to return should they want to be on the VT Alert list.

CORRESPONDENCE SHARING: DISCUSSION OR ACTION

The Board passed various correspondences around for review.

AGENDA BUILDING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Eileen motioned to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Andre and passed 5/0.

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

Town Clerk

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