

## Minutes of the March 21, 2016 Select Board Meeting

By Skip Lisle, Clerk

Convened 6:00 PM

ADJOURNED 7:07 PM

Selectmen present: Cynthia Gibbs, Al Sands, Gus Plummer, Ron Pilette, Skip Lisle.

Audience members (minus a couple people I didn't know): Kent Armstrong, Dave Rogers, Don Dougall, Cynthia Prairie, Stan Mack, Rodney Record, Kim Record, Kirk Goodwin, Charlie Hooker, Carol Lind, Tom Cannon, Dottie Cannon, Noralee Hall, Noreen Sands, Sam Battaglini, Eric Stevens, and Judy Dickinson.

- 1) Public Comment: None.
- 2) Agenda was amended to have Item 14 discussed in Open Session, not Executive Session. Also, to have a "Town Administrator Hire" conversation and vote during Other Business. Motion by Al to approve agenda. All in favor.
- 3) Motions were made by Al and Ron to approve the minutes of March 2 and 7. All in favor.
- 4) Warrants signed.
- 5) Highway Report. Danny Taylor not present. Gus mentioned a few activities, including shoulder work by Jockell's on 121 East.
- 6) Jane Lazorchak of VT Fish and Wildlife explained the ownership transfer of a building and five acres on Turner Hill from her organization to the Windham Foundation, and the granting of a right-of-way to the building from Turner Hill Road. Al moved that the Board support this action. All in favor.
- 7) Discussion on "newspaper of record" (NOR). Al moved that we use the on-line paper Vermont Journal for a 6-month trial period while also retaining our traditional NOR, Vermont Journal. All in favor.
- 8) Motion by Al to approve all of the people still holding town appointments, and to look for new individuals to fill the few vacant positions. All in favor.
- 9) Motion by Skip to approve the amended delinquent tax policy, which the auditors said needed to be updated. All in favor.
- 10) Discussion by Board and attendees, Motion by Al, to also call the Pump House property Wilson Park, and to name the former Middleton Property on 121 "Winnie Park." All in favor.

11) Discussion of a letter-of-complaint regarding the theft of no-wind-turbines signs and associated trespassing. Gus stated that the Board does not condone stealing or trespassing. He added that, as political statements, the signs should be moved every two weeks.

12) Al presented a "Memo to the Planning Commission" to the Board, which he wrote. It asked the Commission to remember that the town, by substantial numbers, voted for a "pro-process" Select Board when they elected Al and Cynthia (instead of Matt Siano and Noralee Hall) at the beginning of March. Skip asked what pro-process meant. Al said it was being in favor of the town voting on the wind project. Skip stated that none of the previous Board members were opposed to this concept. Ron asked Al if "the process" should include Iberdrola and Meadowsend answering all of the questions submitted to them several months ago by the Board. Al agreed it should. No action taken.

13) Other Business. Gus discussed the circumstances and reasons the Board hired Emily Huff as Town Administrator. Skip made a motion to formally hire her. All in favor.

Gus also described a meeting of Kim Record's Financial Committee (formed to address Iberdrola's proposed wind development), which included discussion about hiring a lawyer to begin negotiations with said company. It was suggested that this should be an agenda item for the next Board meeting. The Board also decided to ask Bill Kearns to address the Planning Commission and Select Board to explain the flood zone reports.

14) There was a discussion of the Personnel Policy, including the addition of two new holidays (Veteran's Day and Martin Luther King Day), and Danny Taylor's request to add another 40 hours to be used for "comp time." No action was taken and it was agreed to continue the conversation at the next meeting.

15) Date of next meeting: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm, Grafton Elementary School.

16) Al moved to adjourn. All in favor.