

# **Townshend Select Board Minutes March 13, 2012**

**Present:**

**Select Board:** Hedy Harris; Kit Martin; David Dezendorf; Jeff Russ; Chad Greenwood;

**In Attendance:** Craig Hunt

**1. Call to Order:** Harris called the Special Meeting to Order at 6:01 P.M.

**2. Newspaper of Record:** Following brief discussion, Martin made a motion: **To postpone selecting a newspaper of record until March 19, 2012, and asked Hunt to investigate what choices were available**, seconded by Harris, and carried by those present.

**3. Licenses:** Harris made a motion: **To approve the tobacco and liquor license requests of Harmonyville Store**, seconded by Russ and carried by those present.

**4. Appointments:** Board members discussed the importance of many of the positions appointed to serve the municipality, and will begin the solicitation and selection process at the next regular meeting.

**5. Project Updates:** Harris, Dezendorf and Russ provided briefings for and engaged in lengthy discussions with new Board members Martin and Greenwood on: the Dam Road culvert project; posting of weight limits on Town highways; Ancient Roads; Scott Bridge's future; the Suboxone Clinic; completed, on-going and future Town Hall renovations; Cemetery rights-of-way; the East Hill Road project; Townshend Fire Station projects and Legislative re-districting. Martin requested that Hunt draft a letter to State officials for the Select Board to review stating its opposition to the re-districting of Townshend.

**6. Highway Department:** Kit Martin made a motion: **To appoint David Dezendorf and Chad Greenwood as Road Commissioners from the Townshend Select Board**, seconded by Dezendorf. A brief discussion followed regarding the multitude of projects currently being undertaken by the Highway Department. The Townshend Select Board will continue to set the priority of highway and public works projects. The Road Commissioners will work with the Townshend Highway Department to ensure the projects are planned and completed in a timely yet fiscally responsible manner. The Select Board will review and prepare to discuss a multi-year projects and road maintenance plan at the March 19th Select Board meeting. The motion to appoint Dezendorf and Greenwood as Road Commissioners from the Select Board was then called and carried by those present.

**7. Executive Session:** Dezendorf made a motion: **To enter executive session at 8:15 P.M. to discuss a civil action by the state, where premature general public knowledge would place the person involved at a substantial disadvantage**, carried general consent. At 8:28 P.M. the Select Board returned from Executive Session, and as a result, no action was taken.

**8. Other Business:** Russ recommended that the Select Board have an arborist check the health of the big maple tree on the common.

**9. Correspondence:** In a letter dated March 4, 2012, Shannon and Crispin Herrick inquired about the status of the Town Hall Stove, and Martin remembered from years past that the old stove in the Town Hall kitchen had been disconnected by the gas company because of the hazardous condition of its burners. Because of these conditions, the stove could not be donated or sold for use. Harris requested that Hunt reply to the letter from the Herricks regarding this stove.

**10. Meeting Schedules:** Regular Select Board Meeting: March 19th at 6:00 P.M.

**11. Adjournment:** Dezendorf made a motion: **To adjourn at 8:35 P.M.**, carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted:

Craig K. Hunt, assistant