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TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2016

Present: Kathy Hege; Robert Wright; Irv Stowell

In Attendance: Joe Daigneault; Kristin Cox; Dale West; Craig Hunt

- 1. Call To Order:** Hege called the meeting to Order at 6:01 p.m.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes:** Wright made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of October 11, 2016**, seconded by Stowell, but with one abstention, failed to carry by those present.
- 3. Additions and Deletions:** Added to New Business was discussion of new health insurance rates.
- 4. Members of the Public:** Stowell made a motion: **To suspend the rules and meet with members of the public**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

Kristin Cox, Program Director of West River Valley Thrives was welcomed and presented to the Board a summary of the organization's mission, "to create opportunities for meaningful contributions to support and promote healthy lifestyle choices with an emphasis on the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by young people." Cox provided the Board with a history of the organization's informational campaigns, on-going programs and future goals.
- 5. Reports: Highway Report:** Briefly, Board members discussed the delay in accepting grants offered by the State for repair work on Plumb Road and conducting a mandated inventory of road network and infrastructure conditions.

Town Clerk's Report: The Select Board reviewed the Town Clerk's journal reports from the prior weeks.

Law Enforcement Report: Upon notice by the Vermont State Police of a change in existing conditions not referenced in a speed limit ordinance adopted in 2003, the Board discussed amending that ordinance. A 0.2 mile section of Route 30 entering West Townshend Village from the south has changed from 50mph to 40 mph. Wright made a motion: **To Warn the amendment to the Speed limits on a State Highway Ordinance adopted by the Town of Townshend in 2003, reflecting the speed limit change for a portion of that highway**, seconded by Hege and carried by those present. Hunt was instructed to publicly post a copy of the proposed amendment for 30 days.

Treasurer's Report: Daigneault reported that the General Fund checking account held a balance of \$917,629.42.

5. **Warrants:** Wright made motions to approve the following Warrants, seconded by Stowell.

- 10251 Payroll \$ 7,699.22, carried by those present.
- 10252 Taxes \$ 3,182.18, carried by those present.
- 10253 General \$ 4,712.05, carried by those present.
- 10254 H'way \$ 14,917.02, carried by those present.
- 10255 Equip \$ 1,972.64, carried by those present.
- 10256 General \$ 117.19, carried by those present.
- 10257 General \$ 49.60, carried by those present.

7. **Correspondence:** Hege read a note of appreciation from the Vermont/New Hampshire Red Cross for the annual contribution that the taxpayers approve at Town Meeting.

Hege referenced receiving correspondence fro Christina Angell regarding drainage of a culvert onto her property. As a full Select Board was not in attendance, and as there was no specific request of the Board being made, Hege postponed discussion until the next meeting.

8. **Old Business:** None at this time.

9. **New Business: Health Insurance Costs:** The Board reviewed the increase in health insurance costs and, following discussion, Wright made a motion: **To offer, for FY 2017-18, health insurance coverage to eligible municipal employees at the Blue Cross / Blue Shield Standard Silver Plan two-person rate, or, up to \$12,502 annually,** seconded by Stowell and carried by those present. Hunt was asked to send out a memo to all eligible employees announcing the decision.

Planning Commission Appointment: Dale West was welcomed and thanked for his willingness to take Stan Holt's vacant seat on the Planning Commission. Wright then made a motion: **To appoint Dale West as a member of the Planning Commission until Town Meeting 2017,** seconded by Stowell and carried by those present.

Windham Solid Waste Management District Budget: The Board reviewed a request from WSWMD to choose between two proposals – one wherein Townshend would continue to have WSWMD provide recycling services, at a cost of \$17,777 annually, and one where WSWMD would not, at a cost of \$10,970 and Stowell made a motion: **For Townshend to continue with Windham Solid Waste Management District's Municipal recycling program,** seconded by Wright and carried by those present. WSWMD's Board of Supervisors will be meeting on November 10, 2016, to review the preferences of district member towns and determine whether to continue with its recycling programs.

10. **Other Business:** None at this time.

11. **Meeting Schedules: Regular Meeting:** November 10, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

12. **Adjournment:** LaPointe made a motion: **To adjourn at 6:32 p.m.,** carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt