

approved: December 14, 2017

TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2017

Present: Kathy Hege; Robert Wright; Steve Frisk; Will Bissonnette, Irv Stowell

In Attendance: Joseph Daigneault; Kurt Bostrom; Crystal Mansfield; Richard Melanson, (BCTV); Craig Hunt

1. Call To Order: Hege called the meeting to Order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes: Bissonnette made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of November 14, 2017**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

3. Additions and Deletions: Added to Correspondence was a letter from Alan Shirks and a letter from the Townshend Food Shelf.

4. Reports: Highway Report: Bostrom reported having tried to contact Jake Beattie about the roadside mowing bill, which, since the work wasn't completed, is thought to be too high. Bostrom will try to contact Beattie, again.

The Windham Regional Commission's infrastructure survey has been finished and Bostrom reported that he is waiting on final documents and maps that complete the Network Inventory. A report of hydrological issues that Townshend may have should be forthcoming.

Bostrom agreed to speak with Green Mountain Flagging and with Mathew Beck about unresolved billing issues.

Hunt reported receiving specifications and photographs from the Highway Department of the 2007 Sterling plow truck and will post an ad on-line and locally for selling the vehicle for the highest offer.

Hege read a letter from Alan Shirks expressing his appreciation to the Highway Department for repairing his stone wall on Simpson Brook Road that was damaged while the roads was being graded.

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

Treasurer's Report: Daigneault reported that the General Fund accounts held a balance of \$1,296,442.46.

5. Members of the Public: Crystal Mansfield was welcomed and asked how the Select Board was going to propose next year's law enforcement budget for voter consideration. Hege explained that the Select Board intended to include a separate Article in the Town Meeting Warning that would have the voters determine the amount which Townshend should spend. During discussion, it was suggested that the voters might benefit from a meeting with State Police and Windham County Sheriff's representatives for a better understanding of the services each agency can offer under contract with the municipality.

6. Warrants: Wright made motions to approve the following Warrants, all seconded by Frisk:

112801 Payroll \$ 8,288.49, carried by those present with one abstention.

112802 Taxes 3,348.60, carried by those present with one abstention.

112803 Equipment 10.00, carried by those present with one abstention.

112804 General 2,782.23, carried by those present with one abstention.

112805 Highway 3,738.55, The motion failed to carry with those present.

112806 Equipment 1,108.77, carried by those present with one abstention.

112807 Highway 2,154.49, The motion failed to carry with those present.

112808 Highway 2,937.50, The motion failed to carry with those present.

7. Correspondence: Hege read correspondence from the West River SnoGoers, requesting permission to ride upon, along side and across specific Town Roads during the winter season. Following discussion, Wright made a motion: **To approve the requests of the West River SnoGoers, as stipulated, and to open and leave unlocked the gate at the Townshend gravel pit between December 15, 2017 and April 15, 2018**, seconded by Bissonnette and carried by those present.

Hege read a letter from the Townshend Food Shelf thanking the voters of the Town of Townshend for its generous support.

8. Old Business: Legal Matters: Hege updated Board members on a Court Hearing for the Johnson tax sale property during which the judge provided a default judgment in favor of the Town of Townshend taking possession. Given the times required in provision of serving Notices, the hope is that this legal matter will be resolved before the start of the new year.

9. New Business: FY2018-19 Budget: The Select Board scheduled a Budget Workshop for December 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., and hopes to have preliminary assessment proposals from the Windham Solid Waste Management District at that time.

10. Other Business: None at this time.

11. Executive Session: None at this time.

12. Meeting Schedule: **Budget Workshop: December 5, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.**
 Regular Meeting: December 12, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment: Wright made a motion: **To adjourn at 7:25 p.m.**, carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt