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## TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD

### Special Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2018

**Present:** Kathy Hege; Will Bissonnette; Robert Wright; Steve Frisk; Crystal Mansfield

**In Attendance:** Kurt Bostrom; Bernard Davis; Cynthia Davis; Dale Davis; Joe Winrich; Kirk Petty; Mike Finegan; Craig Hunt

#### 1. Call To Order:

Hege called the Special Meeting of the Select Board with the Highway Foreman at the Town Garage to Order at 5:05 p.m.

#### 2. Reports: Highway Report:

Bostrom informed Board members of the mechanical status of the fleet after a difficult plowing season and estimated the costs of necessary repairs.

More sand and salt is presently on order, but still within the budget predictions and hopefully sufficient to finish out the year.

Briefly discussed were the cost of tire chains and the frequency of replacing truck tires, and the cutting of hazardous trees on West Hill Road.

Frisk asked Bostrom to prepare a plan for keeping the trucks regularly washed.

#### 3. Warrants: Wright made motions to approve the Warrants:

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| 032101 Equipment | \$ 1,151.16, seconded by Frisk and carried by those present.    |
| 032102 Equipment | 3,145.93, seconded by Frisk and carried by those present.       |
| 022103 Equipment | 1,048.64, seconded by Frisk and carried by those present.       |
| 032104 Equipment | 67.69, seconded by Frisk and carried by those present.          |
| 032105 Highway   | 437.22, seconded by Frisk and carried by those present.         |
| 032106 Equipment | 1,396.16, seconded by Bissonnette and carried by those present. |

#### 4. Members of the Public:

Bernard Davis harshly criticized the Select Board for interference in the operations of the Townshend Highway Department, including disrespect for its hard-working personnel and micro-management of its budget. Sand and salt use are necessary for public safety and shouldn't be just a financial consideration.

Cynthia Davis advocated that the Select Board appoint a Highway Commissioner to better communications between the Highway Department and the Select Board and resolve issues outside of the formal public meeting setting.

Kirk Petty testified that Bostrom was an incredibly dedicated Highway Foreman and that the crew was doing a fantastic job.

**5. Other Business:**

Hege read a letter from Planning Commission Chairman John Evans requesting that the Select Board consider the appointments of Brandon Canevari and Laura Richardson to seats on the Planning Commission. Hunt was asked to request that the nominees meet with the Select Board at its next meeting.

**6. Meeting Schedule:**

**Regular Meeting: March 27, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**7. Adjournment:**

Frisk made a motion: **To adjourn at 5:50 p.m.**, carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt