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TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2018

Present: Kathy Hege; Crystal Mansfield; Will Bissonnette; Robert Wright;

In Attendance: Joseph Daigneault; Kurt Bostrom; Charlie Marchant; Phyllis Trier; Richard Melanson, (BCTV); Craig Hunt

1. Call To Order: Hege called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes: Bissonnette made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of July 24, 2018**, seconded by Mansfield and carried by those present.

Bissonnette made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of August 3, 2018, Special Meeting**, seconded by Mansfield and carried by those present.

3. Additions and Deletions: None at this time.

4. Members of the Public: Bissonnette made a motion: **To take the Agenda out of order to meet with members of the public**, seconded by Mansfield and carried by those present.

Stone Arch Bridges: Charlie Marchant was greeted and mentioned that the Townshend Historical Society was pursuing grants in order to attend to the needs of Townshend's stone arch bridges. He was informed by the Board that repair works on the Buck Hill, Negro Brook and Stone Arch Way bridges could commence under supervision of the Historical Society and be paid for out of funds held for the purpose.

The major issue still unresolved pertains to work on the West Townshend, (Back Windham Road), bridge - a professional study and proposals for which involve the immediate expenditure of thousands of dollars and hundreds of thousands of dollars in the long-term. Hunt explained that while the Select Board has the authority to contract for those repairs, the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation has not identified the need for, nor requested, any work. An inspection by district officials and Townshend's Highway Foreman should contribute information and provide more guidance to the Select Board.

Community Hope and Action Yard Sale: Marchant requested that the Select Board permit a town-wide yard sale on the Townshend Common on Saturday, September 2nd, to benefit Community Hope and Action.

Following brief discussion, Bissonnette made a motion: **To permit Community Hope and Action to sponsor a yard sale for Town residents on September 22, 2018, subject**

to insurance requirements and the general policies governing use of the Town Common, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

Gift of Land: Marchant informed the Board that an individual may be offering the Town a parcel of land, by gift, which includes a private cemetery. Further discussion on this matter will occur as appropriate.

5. Warrants: Wright made motions to approve Warrants, all seconded by Bissonnette:

- 081301 Payroll** **\$10,527.46**, carried by those present.
- 081302 Taxes** **3,792.28**, carried by those present.
- 081303 General** **409.50**, carried by those present with one opposed.
- 081304 General** **3,400.00**, carried by those present.
- 081305 General** **75.76**, carried by those present.
- 081306 General** **481.07**, carried by those present.
- 081307 General** **6,731.35**, carried by those present.
- 081308 Highway** **1,370.84**, carried by those present.
- 081309 Equipment** **94,900.00**, carried by those present.
- 081310 Equipment** **1,704.15**, carried by those present.

6. Reports: Highway Report: Bostrom informed the Select Board that the paving of Grafton Road by Bazin Brothers had been delayed due to the constant rain. That paving, as well as roadside mowing by Bruce Orchitt and gravel crushing by Fitzpatrick should begin shortly.

Bostrom then provided a list of bid specifications for the new 1-ton truck.

Town Clerk's Report: The Town Clerk's cash journal report from the prior two weeks was received and reviewed.

Treasurer's Report: Daigneault reported that the People's General Fund sweep account held a current balance of \$590,257.67 and that \$30,000.00 was in the checking account.

7. Correspondence: Receipt of Municipal Road General Permit number 3-9040 from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation was acknowledged. This mandatory and conditional permit allows Townshend to discharge storm run-off into State waterways until March 2023.

An activity report from the Vermont State Police for the last three months was received and a report from Windham Solid Waste Management District was reviewed.

8. Old Business: None at this time.

9. New Business: Dowd Proposal: An unsolicited offer was received in writing from Robert Dowd, P.C., proposing that the Town of Townshend lease the Woodside Joint Venture No. 2 Ltd building, (the former Janos Technology Building), due to, "overcrowding in the Town City Hall." Following brief discussion, no action was taken.

T.F.D. Boiler Replacement: A proposal for replacing the boiler at the Townshend Fire Station from Brown's Heating Service was received and Hunt was instructed to speak with Chief Beattie about alternative systems, since the present and failing boiler is only five years old.

Cell Service: A notice was received stating that A.T. & T. was requesting modification of its Certificate of Public Good from the Public Service Board in renewed pursuit of installing a cell-phone service and First-Net response tower in Townshend.

10. Executive Session: None at this time.

11. Other Business: Stone Arch Bridge Repairs: Nothing at this time.

12. Meeting Schedules: Regular Meeting: August 28, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment: Mansfield made a motion: **To adjourn at 7:05 p.m.,** carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt