

Townshend Selectboard Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2008

Meeting posted for 6:00 PM to review proposed Personnel Policy

Present:

Alene Evans

Joseph Juhasz (arrived at 6:30)

Henry Martin (not present)

Carole Melis

Brud Sanderson,

Selectboard

Participating members:

Kurt Bostrom, road foreman

The acting chair, Evans, *called the **meeting to order*** at 6:00 PM to continue reviewing the proposed Personnel Policies which ended at 7:00 PM. Evans then recognized **Participating Members:**

1b. Kurt Bostrom, highway foreman:

- *Melis moved to accept Bostrom's prepared the Municipal Financial Town Highway Report, seconded by Sanderson, unanimously signed and carried by the Board.*
- Reviewed the town's responsibility on damaging roadside property
 - VLCT received the accident report on Cathcart's fence
 - Evans met with Don Williams to see his damaged front yard and then met with Bostrom.

Evans moved to post highway department opening allowing Bostrom to hire on an emergency temporary basis, seconded by Sanderson, unanimously carried by the Board, as Joseph Daigneault will be on vacation and he believes that Bo is expected to be out 16-17 weeks.

- Reviewed the Town Treasurer's prepared Winter Maintenance expenses and the incorrect reserve figures used in raising taxes.
- As a member of the Road Foreman Network's, he explained their process in bulk purchasing of highway materials, especially culverts.
- He received State notification of timber cutting their land off Buck Hill

Cub Master, Bostrom had two requests:

1. to waive the Town Hall rental fees, upstairs, to hold their Pine Wood Derby. After discussion *Evans moved to waive the Town Hall rental fees for the Cub Scout rally, seconded by Juhasz, unanimously carried by the Board.*
2. to build a community book recycling "shed" at the Town Barn. After discussion *Melis moved to allow the Cub Scouts to build a book exchange "shed" at an appropriate location, seconded by Sanderson, unanimously carried by the Board.*
3.
Road Commissioner's Orders were signed.

1a. Town Clerk and/or Treasurer: No action was taken on misc. information and/or memos presented by the Town Treasurer.

Evans moved that the \$18.02, explained in Samuel Angell's letter, be credited to the General Fund under Recreation, seconded by Melis, unanimously carried by the Board.

*Melis moved to accept the **Minutes of March 17th**, seconded by Evans – Melis presented changes and clarifications which were made – Evans moved to approve March 17th's corrected minutes, seconded by Sanderson, unanimously carried by the Board.*

*Evans moved to accept the **Minutes of March 31st**, seconded by Melis, carried by those present. Juhasz abstained.*

3. Melis moved to *Pay Bills and Sign the following Orders*, seconded by Evans.

SM07-08-20	\$35,879.40
SM07-08-20A	\$13,057.99
PRSM07-08-19	\$ 3,914.27

Instructed their clerk to inquire on the Town's credit card billing dates and payment time and may be another provider

Juhasz will follow up with Pieciak and will call professional auditors Mudgett and Sullivan & Powers. He also presented a 6 month report of traffic ticket revenues (which the Town has never received). He spoke about pending legislation to create a Town Audit Committee, under the Selectboard.

4. Old Business

No action taken on:

- Bostrom will be given correspondence from O'Dell's services as Animal Nuisance Control.
- Notification of L&G's ACT 250 hearing April 14th 9:30 & of water discharge
- Advertising text on POS' farmer market on the Common
- Okayed the Morris dancers request to dance – May 25th common
- When to establish "recognizable" committee persons
- Melis announced that Townshend's Ancient Roads project had been awarded a \$5,000 grant. Evans returned to Carole the forms for completion recognizing Stanley "Mike" Bills, grant administrator and Carole Melis, etc).
- The process on hiring a bookkeeper was discussed – applications to be received by April 14th and opened 21st. To post for interest persons to be a member of a selection committee, as the Select persons do not have extra time.

5. New Business

- The Board accepted, with regret, Richard Jackson's resignations from WCSWMD, E-911 and the Town's Revolving Fund.

- *Melis moved to appoint Richard Lucier, Lister until March 2009, seconded by Sanderson, unanimously carried by the Board.*

- The Board reviewed the Listers note, concerned about of the compatibility, their proposed networking with other computers. They will ask the Listers to wait to purchase the computer, which funds would be taken from the State Reappraisal Reserve, until fiscal year 08-09.

6. Other Business

- VELCO-CVPS' correspondence Re: expanding their transmission line
- Copy of letter from Environmental Commission of water run off re: building a 12 x 14 addition on the Stratton House
- The availability of a VT Rural Fire Protect. Dry hydrant grant, Sanderson suggested applying for the grant to certify the Town's existing dry hydrant.
- Expired Broadband Grant Application
- VLCT News
- Notice from the Dept of Environmental Re: Pacholski constructing a 2 bedroom house

7. Executive Session – none at this time

8. Next meeting - April 21, 2008 - 6:00 PM (continue reviewing Personnel Policies

9. *At 9:10 PM Sanderson moved to **Adjourn**, seconded by Juhasz, unanimously carried by the Board.*

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Davis, clerk for the Selectboard