

Minutes of the East Montpelier Selectboard

February 27, 2014 Special Meeting

SB Attendance: Chair Seth Gardner, Kim Swasey, Steve Sparrow, Casey Northrup, and Carl Etnier; Town Administrator Bruce Johnson

Public Attendance: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: Update on Potential Replacement of 2007 Lo Pro Truck

Public Comment: None

Selectboard Work Session For Town Meeting & Forum

Board members discussed and rehearsed presentations for various 2014 Town Meeting warned articles.

Consideration of CD Options For Conservation Fund

The Land Conservation Fund certificate of deposit (CD), in the amount of \$22,680.52, matured February 20th. There is currently a deficit of \$2,257.20 in the fund's savings account due to the town's contribution to the T. Clark land conservation deal completed last fall. Town Treasurer Don Welch would like to shift the funds necessary to erase the deficit and put the remainder back into a CD for a term of up to a year.

Motion: To authorize the investment of the remainder of the conservation fund in a CD on such terms as Town Treasurer Don Welch deems appropriate. Made by Mr. Etnier; second by Ms. Swasey. Passed unanimously.

Addition to Agenda: Update on Potential Replacement of 2007 Lo Pro Truck

At the regular board meeting on February 17th, Road Foreman Mike Garand presented a series of options for the replacement of the 2007 International Lo Pro, the truck used to plow and salt the town's paved roads. On Wednesday, February 25th Chair Gardner and Mr. Northrup examined the Lo Pro. The truck is in decent shape, has minimal rust, and is well maintained by the road crew. Compared to similar models on the state replacement schedule, the Lo Pro is low on mileage, hours in use, and overall age (the truck was put in service during the summer of 2007). Maintenance and repair costs for the Lo Pro, other than the now-resolved issues with salting/sanding mechanism, have been reasonable. The slide-in hopper, used for salt distribution, is rusted and is unlikely to last beyond a couple of more winters, limiting its usefulness with a new truck. The proposed trade-in value of \$25,000, one-fifth of the purchase price, is unlikely to diminish much over the next year or two. Given these facts coupled with the current budget constraints, board members are questioning whether this is the right year to replace the Lo Pro.

The board will continue the discussion on the possible replacement of the Lo Pro at its regular meeting on March 3, 2014.

Warrants

Board members signed the warrant.

Motion: To adjourn. Made by Mr. Sparrow; second by Mr. Northrup. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Johnson, Town Administrator

Approved: March 3, 2014 East Montpelier Selectboard meeting