

Minutes of the East Montpelier Selectboard

Approved 4/1/13; Approved as amended 4/15/13

March 18, 2013

SB Members Present: Seth Gardner (Chair), Steve Sparrow, Carl Etnier, Casey Northrup, Kim Swasey

Others Present: Bruce Johnson (Town/Zoning Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Don Welch, Lt. Paul White

Call to Order: 6:45pm

Additions to the Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Discussion with Lt. Paul White, Vermont State Police; Consideration of 2013 State Police Contract

Lt. White gave the SB a handout with the incident report for 2012; the report shows that EM is the 3rd busiest town covered by the 3rd busiest barracks in the state. The calls to North Street have diminished since last year. The contract is nearing its end (3/31/13) and the new contract has an increase of \$1500 from last year. The Middlesex barracks has a high turnover rate which Lt. White ascribed to understaffing and consequent high workload.

Motion: I move to approve the law enforcement contract as presented, not to exceed \$27,916.80. Made: Northrup, second: Swasey

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Road Foreman Report

The SB should review Road & Bridge Standards document prior to the next meeting and be ready to discuss. Many town signs are non-compliant and need to be replaced; Kim Swasey will call Edie Miller to see if the SignPost would like to use the old signs as a fundraiser. There was a discussion of the slowdown of replacements and looking at the wooden ones first; also existing metal poles need to be breakaway. Regarding the Sawyer property, there was a water issue caused by a blocked culvert and Mike has corrected the problem.

Consideration of Revolving Loan Fund Advisory Committee Recommendation to Loan Funds to EMSLI

The SB is comfortable with moving forward on loaning funds to the East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative (EMSLI).

Town Treasurer Report

The smaller accounts have now been combined into the main account. The Treasurer plans to move \$50,000 from checking to the Capital Reserve Fund.

Farm Contract Extensions

The SB will let the contracts run through to their ends, but will extend the contracts that expire 3/31/13, so the affected landowners may apply to Current Use before 9/1/13 for next year.

Ballot Counting

Carl Etnier reported on the ballot counting process at U-32.

Charter Committee Formation

A member of the SB should be a part of the committee; Etnier volunteered. As for a charge to the committee, Etnier will gather some suggestions from sample charters. A request for interested citizens to serve on the committee will be put on Front Porch Forum.

EMFD Request to Use Bond Funds for ESF Upgrades

Motion: I move to allow the EMFD to use bond funds to make electrical upgrades. Made: Northrup, second: Sparrow

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Forest Fund CD Renewal

Motion: I move to authorize the Town Treasurer to renew the CD on such terms as he, in his best judgment, deems appropriate. Made: Swasey, second: Sparrow

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Dudley's Store Liquor License Renewal

Motion: I move to approve and sign CP Dudley's Liquor License Renewal. Made: Northrup, second: Sparrow

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

2013 Selectboard Organization

Elections:

Chair: **Motion: I move to re-elect Seth Gardner.** Made: Etnier, second: Swasey

Vote on Motion: Passed 4-0; Gardner abstained

Vice Chair: **Motion: I move to re-elect Casey Northrup.** Made: Etnier, second: Sparrow

Vote on Motion: Passed 4-0; Northrup abstained

Motion: I move to continue having Seth Gardner handle payroll warrants and payroll vendor warrants. Made: Swasey, second: Etnier

Vote on Motion: Passed 4-0; Gardner abstained

Motion: I move to appoint Casey Northrup as the alternate SB member to handle payroll warrants and payroll vendor warrants. Made: Swasey, second: Sparrow

Vote on Motion: Passed 4-0; Northrup abstained

2013 Selectboard Rules of Transaction

Motion: I move to adopt the SB Rules of Transaction as presented. Made: Northrup, second: Sparrow

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Appointments

Motion: I move to appoint the following: Sandy Conti as Animal Control Officer; Elliot Morse as Assistant Animal Control Officer; Gray Ricker, Jeff Cueto and Carol Welch to the Development Review Board; and Ginny Callan as the town representative to the Central VT Solid Waste Management District. Made: Etnier, second: Northrup

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Swasey will check with Julie Potter to see if she would like to be the alternate as CVRPC representative.

Excess Weight Permits

Motion: I move to authorize the Town Administrator to sign Excess Weight Permits for: Newport Sand & Gravel, Camp Precast Concrete, Lajuenesse Construction, United Natural Foods, Pyrofax Energy, Johnson Artesian Well Drilling, HA Manosh and Rice Lumber Company . Made: Northrup, second: Sparrow

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Warrants

Signed

Review of Minutes

March 4, 2013

Motion: I move to approve the minutes as amended. Made: Sparrow, second: Northrup

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

Other Business

Fireworks Report (Etnier) – setting up a meeting with Tony Klein to request a shortening of the waiting period to 15 days; be following up with the state firefighters' association; looking for flexibility for cities/towns to set their own waiting period.

Town Administrator (TA) Report

Xerox/ACS – SB would like the full service proposal with receipt printer/validator

Park N Ride – full acceptance of Phase II ESA report; there should be no problem with taking down the building; WEC has said the bus depot site will be moved to the other side of the building but hasn't happened yet

Tax Sales – Karen Gramer is moving forward on the tax sales on the Winston and Ibey properties; scheduled for 6/3

Trails Association/SB Letter – send joint letter to the Clarks to ask them to leave the 20 foot buffer alone between their property and the Dodge Road trail; they recently cut down trees in the ROW; TA authorized to send the letter

ICS 402 Training – course now available online

Grant Updates – received corrected Bike & Ped grant today; will be on 4/1 agenda; the TA applied for the Digital Economy state grant funds, decisions will be made shortly

PC Town Plan – public hearing on 3/21 at 7pm at the fire station

Zoning Administrator (ZA) Report

EMES – application has been received; SB needs to grant ROW for piping under recreation fields for septic system

Bill Pollock – seeking compliance information on the Sanfacon permit

FEMA Report – Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved

Motion: To adjourn. Made: Northrup, second: Swasey. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.