

Minutes of the East Montpelier Selectboard

APPROVED 9/9/13

August 19, 2013

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

Others Present: Bruce Johnson (Town Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Don Welch, Eric Blaisdell, Toby Talbot, Will Walters, Sandy Conti, Ty Rolland, Paul S. Guare, John Brabant, Scott Bassage, Denise Wheeler, Larry Smith, Rose Pelchuk

Call to Order: 6:04pm

Additions to the Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Discussion of EMFD Service Agreement

The SB had a discussion to identify key points regarding the EMFD service agreement for discussion with the Calais SB. There is some concern with the EMFD that the SB's have too much control and the EMFD would like more autonomy. The EM SB feels the SB's actions are appropriate.

Review of agreement:

Clause 4 – removed licensing language, added volunteer

Clause 6 – include cost allocation title

Clause 7 – EMFD cap contingency fund at \$40,000; SB could decrease money included in the budget if necessary

Clause 11 – remove “copies of”

Appendix A, #6 – oversight of SBs over outside contracts

Appendix B, #6 – remove reference to FAST squad, no longer exists

SB would like to consider organizing a 50th anniversary of the EMFD in 2014.

Health Insurance Reform Discussion

Larry Smith of the VLCT came to the SB to discuss the new insurance options.

Affordable Care Act

- For 2014, each state is responsible for building a health care exchange
- No private market for employers with less than 15 employees
- Vermont's exchange website will be open for employers on October 1st, open for employees in November
- Plans:
 - 6 standard plans: 3 plans per carrier (BCBS and MVP)
 - There are out of pocket caps for every plan
 - Differences between carriers: BCBS is national, MVP is regional (VT, NH and parts of NY)
 - HSA – not all plans are compatible with HSA
 - HRA (Health Reimbursement Account) – can be included on any plan
 - BCBS has partnered with Health Equity to administer HRAs at no additional cost
- EM SB should consider amending the Personnel Policy, making a full-time employee anyone who works 30+ hours per week
- There are Navigators for the exchange who can help out employers and employees

Warrant to Impound Unlicensed Dogs

Motion: I move to sign the Warrant to Impound Unlicensed Dogs. Made: Mr. Etnier, second: Ms. Swasey

Vote on Motion: Passed 4-0

Designation of Delegate to VLCT Annual Meeting

Motion: I move to designate Kim Swasey as the EM SB delegate to the VLCT Annual Meeting held in Killington on October 3rd. Made: Mr. Etnier, second: Mr. Northrup

Vote on Motion: Passed 4-0

Access Permits

Motion: I move to approve the access permit for Greg Chamberlin. Made: Mr. Northrup, second: Mr. Etnier

Vote on Motion: Passed 4-0

Joint Meeting with Calais SB

Discussion of EMFD Service Agreement:

Clause 4 – both SBs agree with changes

Clause 5d – both SBs agree with keeping projections

Clause 6 – both SBs agree with changes

Clause 7 – SBs agree: treat \$20,000 as cumulative, 75/25 to a maximum of \$40,000 in contingency fund

Clause 11 – SBs agree with the following change: “Except in circumstances involving confidential matters...and, upon request, the minutes...”

Appendix A, #6 – took out veto power but maintain fiscal control; there was a discussion regarding the veto power, both SBs agree they have the fiduciary responsibility for checks and balances. Both SBs agree with the following change: “EMFD may contract, for a term of up to three years, to provide...”

Appendix B, #6 – both SBs agree with changes

The EM Town administrator will send out the amended document to both SBs.

Calais SB – made and passed a motion to approve changes as amended

EM SB – **Motion: I move to accept the EMFD Service Agreement as amended tonight and authorize the Chair to sign the amended document.** Made: Mr. Etnier, second: Ms. Swasey

Vote on Motion: Passed 4-0

Review of Updated PACE Documents

There is nothing to review yet.

Warrants

Signed

Review of Minutes

August 5, 2013

Motion: I move to approve the minutes as presented. Made: Ms. Swasey, second: Mr. Etnier

Vote on Motion: Passed 4-0

Other Business

Town Administrator Report

- Town Meeting minutes – signed by the SB
- Tax bills – ready to be mailed next week, tax anticipation note is in receivables
- Charter Committee – the SB received Edie Miller’s update
- Wiring needs for ACS Land Records system – Gary Clark is submitting an estimate
- CVRPC – merger meeting will be on September 10th and the vote will take place on October 8th; the CVRPC is starting work on updating the regional plan and approving the town’s Town Plan
- Johnson Road – problem with culverts, the work was done by the residents without the town’s approval
- EMES Request – the school would like to purchase some snow fencing, the SB approves the school purchase through the town account

Zoning Administrator Report

5 new permits since last meeting

Motion to adjourn. Made by Ms. Swasey; seconded by Mr. Northrup. Passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary