

**East Montpelier Selectboard Meeting APPROVED MINUTES (12/15/14)  
December 1, 2014 at the Town Office**

**Selectboard members present:** Carl Etnier (recording secretary), Seth Gardner, Casey Northrup, Kim Swasey, Steve Sparrow; Bruce Johnson (town administrator).

**Others present:** Amy Ash Nixon (*Times Argus*); Karen Gramer (delinquent tax collector), Bill Pollock.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Seth Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

**B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Listers Errors and Omissions

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Pollock said he does not believe his neighbor John Sanfacon is fully compliant with the stipulations of settlement. He showed pictures he said were taken today from Wheeler Road to document his case. Mr. Pollock said he would email the pictures to the town.

**D. DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

Karen Gramer, Delinquent Tax Collector

Ms. Gramer reported on the status of delinquent taxes. There are 38 properties with delinquent taxes, of which 6 are candidates for a tax sale. Most of the other property owners have entered into tax agreements with her and are paying.

Total delinquent taxes due as of December 1:

Year	# of Properties	Delinquent Taxes Due Dec. 1
2014	38	\$98,936.95
2013	34	\$81,883.79
2012	39	\$72,810.61
2011	37	\$111,285.38

**E. CONSIDERATION OF INVESTMENT OPTIONS FOR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

Tabled to the meeting of December 15.

**F. PRESENTATION OF TREASURER CANDIDATE RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The TCRC voted to forward to the SB the name of one person, current Treasurer Don Welch, without conducting a further search. The committee was pleased with everything they'd seen and heard about Mr. Welch's technical work and his person skills.

Mr. Gardner said he wanted to see the town advertise the position to see what other candidates are available.

**Motion: I move to accept the recommendation of the Treasurer Candidate Recommendation Committee to appoint Don Welch as treasurer when his term as elected treasurer expires on Town Meeting Day. Made: Mr. Etnier. Second: Mr. Northrup. 4-1 (Mr. Gardner).**

**G. DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS IN TOWN TREASURER APPOINTMENT PROCESS**

Jane Burroughs, a resident and CPA, has offered a revised version of the treasurer job description that was originally drafted by Don Welch and revised by Mr. Johnson. We will offer it to Mr. Welch to review, and Mr. Etnier and Mr. Gardner will meet with him to discuss it.

**H. CONSIDERATION OF REVISED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

Amended. Will be considered Dec. 15.

**I. CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENTS**

Amended. Will be considered Dec. 15.

**J. LISTER'S ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

The methodology used by the Listers to handle the Clark PRD on Dodge Road was rejected by the state's Current Use program. Net change to the grand list is a reduction of \$568 (\$56,800 in actual assessed value).

**Motion: I make a motion to authorize the changes in the Grand List presented with respect to the Clark PRD on Dodge Road. Made: Ms. Swasey. Second: Mr. Sparrow. 5-0.**

**K. CONSIDERATION OF POLLOCK REQUEST FOR ENFORCEMENT OF ZONING VIOLATION**

Selectboard members inspected the property as individuals.

**Motion: I make a motion to authorize Seth Gardner to sign a letter to attorney Paul Gillies stating that the Selectboard finds John Sanfacon has substantially complied with the intent of the Stipulation of Settlement and we decline to initiate enforcement proceedings. Made: Mr. Etnier. Second: Mr. Sparrow. 4-0 (Ms. Swasey recusing herself)**

**L. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON FY2015 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT**

No action taken.

**M. WARRANTS**

Signed.

**N. MINUTES**

**Motion: I move to accept the minutes of November 17, 2014 as presented. Made: Mr. Sparrow. Second: Mr. Northrup. 5-0.**

**O. OTHER BUSINESS**

*2015 Town Meeting*

Many people were pleased with the comfortable facilities used in 2014 at U-32. The School Board would like to see the meeting and forum back in the elementary school. The Selectboard is willing to locate the meeting and forum in the elementary school for 2015 and get feedback on the comfort and convenience in the renovated building.

*FY2014 Town External Audit Update*

The draft audit is complete; the audit will be presented to the SB on Dec. 15.

*Montpelier "Grindings" Issue*

Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) has rejected the Swasey claim for compensation from East Montpelier for a punctured tire that resulted from wires spread on the road as part of "grindings" purchased from Montpelier.

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: I make the motion to adjourn. Made: Ms. Swasey. Second: Mr. Sparrow. 5-0. 9:32 pm.**