

Selectboard Memo
January 29, 2018 SB Meeting

Road Foreman Report

- Road Foreman Perry will be here to discuss possible purchase options for a roadside mower
 - John Deere 6105E with Tiger boom mower \$113,335
 - John Deere 6110M with Tiger boom mower \$133,354
 - New Holland TS6.145 with Tiger boom mower \$137,993

Development of 2017 Selectboard Report for Annual Report

- Board should review the draft report, make edits, and finalize the document

Discussion on FY2019 Budget Development

- All expected information is now in; VSP rate goes up to \$68.17/hour July 1st from the current \$67.22; the VSP budget line of \$33,000 is sufficient; the board should review the numbers and determine whether it is comfortable in adopting the FY2019 budget

Discussion on 2018 Town Meeting Warning Development

- Cemetery Commission request is \$17,250 to reflect the projected FY2019 budget and the fact there is no Cemetery Commission reserve; SB wanted to discuss this before authorizing the article
- EM Signpost request is \$6,000, down \$1,000 from last year
- Update on Candidacies:
 - Selectboard (3-year & 2-year terms)
 - Seth Gardner is running for reelection to the 3-year seat
 - Gene Troia is running for reelection to the 2-year seat
 - Planning Commission (3 3-year terms)
 - Jean Vissering, Jack Pauly, and Mark Lane are running for reelection
 - EMES School Board (3-year & 2-year terms)
 - Flor Diaz Smith is running for reelection to the 3-year seat
 - Lindy Johnson is running for reelection to the 2-year seat
 - Town Moderator; School Moderator
 - Michael Duane is running for reelection to both posts
 - 1st Constable
 - Sandy Conti is running for reelection
 - 2nd Constable
 - No candidate
 - Lister (3-year term)
 - Ross Hazel is running for reelection
 - Auditor (3-year term; 2 of 3-year term)
 - Ed Deegan is running for the 3-year; Carla Occaso for the 2 of 3-year; both are already serving as appointees
 - Cemetery Commission (5-year term; 3 of 5-year term)
 - Emily Goyette is running for the 5-year seat; Jon Boucher for the 3 of 5-year seat
 - Chris Reed has now formally resigned from the Cemetery Commission, which enables the SB to include his slot on the warning; the vacancy has been posted; the Commission, which is responsible for filling any such vacancy, does not intend to do so given how close we are to town meeting
- No petitioned articles were received by the deadline, Thursday, January 18th.
- Board needs to refine Article 16, the non-binding article on global warming issues; the current language includes all elements of the proposed resolution; board intended to review part 2 of the resolution before authorizing the article

Consideration of EM Signpost Town Meeting Issue Article

- See draft article discussing three warning articles of interest:
 - Article 8, Cemetery Commission request for \$17,250
 - Article 15, community internet service provider
 - Article 16, the 350VT non-binding article on climate change issues

Town Administrator Report

- 2018 Municipal Planning Grant Update:
 - RFQ (request for qualifications) for consultant services went out last week with a deadline of February 14th; PC will evaluate candidates and work out an agreement with selected party; hope to have consultant on board by beginning of April
- Tax Sale Update:
 - All delinquencies were paid off prior to the sale date; the Kaiser (161 Dodge Road) payment was by e-check and it had not fully cleared by the tax sale date; hence, the tax sale was opened on the 26th and formally continued until February 2nd; the expectation is that the tax sale will be canceled prior to the 2nd
- Meeting Schedule:
 - February 1st 7:00 pm Planning Commission public forum on draft town plan at ESF
 - February 5th 6:30 pm Regular Selectboard meeting
 - February 19th 6:30 pm Regular Selectboard meeting
 - March 3rd 9:30 am Town Forum at EMES
 - March 5th 6:30 pm Regular Selectboard meeting
 - March 6th 9:30 am Town Meeting at EMES

Zoning Administrator Report

- One application in 2018 to this point
- The next DRB meeting will be on February 6, 2018; no warned hearings, but there will be two subdivision sketch plan reviews

Personnel Matters: Probable Executive Session

- Motion need to enter Executive Session under 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(3) to discuss employment-related issues