

## **Selectboard Memo**

### **March 4, 2019 SB Meeting**

#### **Additions (or otherwise) to Agenda:**

- **RLAC item should be tabled until March 18, 2019 meeting**
- **SB member Troia will be absent, and potentially absent at town meeting as well, due to a flight delay situation in Minneapolis**

#### **Discussion with Vermont State Police; Consideration of 2019 State Police Contract**

- Middlesex Barracks Commander: Lt. David White
- New EM contact/contract manager: Sgt. Charles Winn
- New contract will be for a one year period; \$71.61/hr, a 5% jump over last year's \$68.17
- Board should authorize Chair Gardner to sign contract

#### **State Police Community Advisory Board Report**

- Town Representative Don Welch will give a brief presentation

#### **Town Treasurer Report: Don Welch, Town Treasurer**

- Treasurer Welch will provide a budget status update

#### **Discussion on Potential Shift of Online Payment Provider**

- Treasurer Welch will present his research into the possibility of switching from our current Noble pay portal to another company; concerns with the current company center on the variable credit card charge rate, which makes it difficult to explain potential costs to a taxpayer; the concept of working with an entity that has more of a local presence is also attractive

#### **Conversation with State Representative Kimberly Jessup**

- Representative Jessup will be here to provide a legislative session update in advance of Town Meeting Day

#### **Discussion on Reconfiguration of Revolving Loan Advisory Committee and Consideration of Revolving Loan Fund Policies & Procedures**

- The chair of the existing RLAC has presented a recommendation to disband the committee and create a new RLAC committee made up of the Selectboard with, perhaps, an advisor
- The committee continues to recommend that the town adopt the draft Revolving Loan Fund Policies & Procedures document

#### **Discussion of Black Rock Coal Quarry Proposal: Potential Executive Session**

- If desired/necessary, board can enter executive session under 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(2) to discuss real estate purchase options
- Road Foreman Perry will be present to discuss his research into the proposal

#### **Delinquent Tax Collector Report**

- **Discussion on Potential Town Bid at March 7, 2019 Tax Sale**
  - The tax sale for the Blake/Allard parcel located at 2784 US Rte. 2 (just south of the town hall lot) will be held at 10 a.m. on March 7, 2019; minimum bid is \$18,208.68
  - The town needs to decide whether it intends to be the default bidder for this property; if so, the board should formally authorize TA Johnson to bid

#### **Work Session for 2019 Town Meeting**

- Discussion on results of town forum and prep for town meeting
- Updated projected 2019/20 tax rate worksheet available to match the education rate figures the school board presented at town forum

### **Personnel Matters: Potential Executive Session**

- If desired/necessary, board can enter executive session under 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(3) to discuss employment-related issues
- **Town Clerk Leave Bonus For Holiday & Weekend Election Work**
- **Discussion on Post-Town Meeting Town Position Appointment Process**
  - See letter from Recreation Board

### **Town Administrator Report**

- Office Computer Network Overhaul Project:
  - rbTechnologies is working on a quote for a complete network replacement – server and desktops; likely cost in the \$30-\$35k range; target date is September/October 2019
- Emerald Ash Borer Grant Program Update:
  - The town received the \$2,000 grant for an ash tree inventory and other associated concerns involved in readying the town for EAB issues
  - Paul Cate and others will be distributing EAB information at town meeting
- Meeting Schedule:
  - March 5, 2019                      9:30 am                      Town meeting at EMES
  - March 18, 2019                    6:30 pm                      Selectboard regular meeting
  - April 8, 2019                      6:30 pm                      Selectboard “special” meeting
  - April 11, 2019                    7:00 pm                      EMFD quarterly meeting at ESF
  - April 22, 2019                    6:30 pm                      Selectboard “special” meeting

### **Zoning Administrator Report**

- Holding steady at 9 applications so far in 2019; no new applications since February 18<sup>th</sup> SB meeting
- Next DRB meeting will now be held April 9, 2019; the anticipated March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting had to be canceled due to a projected lack of quorum