

Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting of Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Members present: Linda Cook, Chair; Christopher Ashley; Steve Flanders; Dan Goulet; Mary Layton, Vice-Chair; Neil Fulton, Town Manager.

There were about 25 people in the audience.

Also participating: Phil Dechert, Jennifer and Campbell Levy (Matthew and Kate), Scott Gordon, Kristin Clement, Jim Gold, Suzanne Lupien, Irv Thomae, Cheryl Lindberg, Jacqueline Allen, Sara Cabin (sp?)(Thetford Resident), Ms. Fahey

Cook opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda (Action Item). The Selectboard, by consensus, approved the Agenda as is.

2. Public Comments. Irv Thomae updated the Board on legislative action on the telecom bill. The district name will be a Communications Union District and the Selectboard will need to approve the Town's participation in the new district. He would like to continue on the committee but a new alternate delegate needs to be found. It will be put on the next agenda for further discussion.

Suzanne Lupien requested that safety during lightning storms be looked into at Huntley Meadows. Fulton will talk to Recreation Director.

3. Town Manager's Report (Discussion).

a. The Board of Listers' sent out 331 change of appraisals notices. There are 13 grievances so far. Grievances must be in the Listers' or Town Clerk's office by June 1st.

b. The Greater Upper Valley was looking into offsetting annual debt costs to its member towns. Possible revenue could be produced from a 5 to 5.5 MW solar system and organic composting and a transfer station.

4. Finance – Board to Sign Accounts Payable/Warrants (Action Item). After some questions, Ashley **moved** (2nd Flanders) to approve Check Warrant Report #15-27 for General Fund in the amount of \$65,575.21 and for Records Restoration Fund in the amount of \$3,964.00 for the period from 05/14/15 to 05/27/15. **Motion passed.**

5. Interview/Appoint Jacqueline Allen to the Planning Commission (Action Item). Phil Dechert spoke in favor of Jacqueline Allen's application to be appointed to the Planning Commission.

Flanders **moved** (2nd Ashley) to appoint Jacqueline Allen to the Planning Commission for an unexpired four-year term ending in April, 2017. **Motion passed 4-1** (Ashley Against).

After Jacqueline Allen's arrival at meeting.

Flanders **moved** (2nd Layton) to reconsider the vote to appoint Jacqueline Allen to the Planning Commission for an unexpired four-year term ending in April, 2017. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Jacqueline introduced herself to the Selectboard.

Ashley **moved** (2nd Flanders) to appoint Jacqueline Allen to the Planning Commission for an

unexpired four-year term ending in April, 2017. **Motion passed 5-0.**

6. Speed Limit Ordinance on Route 132 and Academy Road (Discussion/Possible Action Item). Homeowners on Academy Road expressed their opinion that the speed limit on Academy Road should be 25 miles per hour. The speed limit report was also discussed along with the criteria for assessing the speed limit.

Goulet **moved** (2nd Layton) to amend the draft ordinance by deleting the last sentence in Section 1 Authority and to change the speed limit in Section 3.2.1 for Academy Road from 30 mph to 25 mph. **Motion passed.**

Pursuant to Title 24 VSA § 1971, Goulet **moved** (2nd Layton) for the Selectboard to adopt the Ordinance to Regulate Local Enforcement of Speed Limits on Town Highways in the Town of Norwich as amended and authorize the Chair to sign. **Motion passed.**

7. Transfer Station Sticker Policy (Discussion). After a brief discussion of the proposed changes, there were a few minor changes suggested for the draft policy.

8. Capital Facilities (Discussion/Possible Action Item). Discussion no action taken.

9. Project Management (Discussion/Possible Action Item). To be discussed at a later time.

10. Questions for VLCT Workshop Re: Selectboard/Town Manager Roles (Discussion/Possible Action Item). Ashley **moved** (2nd Flanders) to authorize the Chair to submit the three sets of questions from Layton, Flanders and Ashley, contained under item #10 in the agenda of the May 27th Selectboard meeting to the VLCT representatives for their presentation on June 17th. **Motion Passed.**

11. Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report (Discussion/Possible Action Item). Discussion with Cheryl Lindberg, Treasurer. Ashley **moved** (2nd Flanders) to receive the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion passed.**

12. Correspondence (Please go to www.norwich.vt.us, click on Boards & Committees from the blue banner, click on Selectboard and click on Recent Selectboard Correspondence in the middle section to view resident correspondence):

a) Resident –

1) #12 a), b) and c). Email from Folger Tuggle Re: Resignation from Development Review Board, Letter from Suzanne Lupien Re: Positive and Constructive Next Steps and an Email from Paul Foster Re: 25 mph Speed Limit for Union Village. Flanders **moved** (2nd Layton) to receive an email from Folger Tuggle re: resignation from Development Review Board, a letter from Suzanne Lupien re: positive and constructive next steps and an email from Paul Foster re: 25 mph speed limit for Union Village. **Motion passed.**

13. Selectboard

a) Selectboard Packets (Discussion/Possible Action Item). Informal support of trying to post to the website the Selectboard Packet by Friday afternoon.

b) Set Date for Public Forum on Pool Dam (Discussion/Possible Action Item). Discussion of what information would be discussed at the Public Forum on the Pool Dam. Date set for June 23, 2015. Agenda item for next time on how to publicize it.

- c) Approval of the Minutes of the 4/22/15 and 5/6/15 Selectboard Meetings (Action Item). After some discussion of the 4/22/15 minutes, Flanders **moved** (2nd Goulet) to approve the minutes of the 4/22/15 Selectboard meeting as amended. **Motion passed** 4-0-1 (Ashley abstained). After some discussion of the 5/6/15 minutes, Ashley **moved** (2nd Flanders) to approve the minutes of the 5/6/15 Selectboard meeting. **Motion passed.**
- d) Review of Next Agendas (Discussion/Possible Action Item).
- Resolution on renaming Union District for ECFiber (Tentative)
 - Status Report on Pool Dam
 - How to publicize forum with VLCT
 - Improving communication with public
 - Alarm Ordinance
 - Finance Committee

Ashley **moved** (2nd Flanders) to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on 6/10/15.

By Nancy Kramer
Assistant to the Town Manager

Linda Cook
Selectboard Chair

Next Regular Meeting – June 10, 2015 at 6:30 PM

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