

Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting of Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Members present: Gerard Chapdelaine, Chair; Alison May; Ed Childs; Sarah Nunan; Pete Webster, Town Manager; Nancy Kramer, Assistant to the Town Manager. Absent: Suzanne Lupien.

There were 6 people in the audience.

Also participating: Neil Fulton, Nancy Hoggson and Steve Leinoff.

Chapdelaine opened the meeting at 6:31 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda (Action Item). By consensus, the Selectboard approved the Agenda.

2. Public Comments (Discussion). None.

3. Town Manager's Report (Discussion). The Town Manager is continuing to meet with stakeholders of the Town. Webster has attended a number of meetings on the relocation of the present bandstand. There is a group working on dismantling and moving the bandstand to a safe location using private funding. Webster finds Norwich a fascinating and complicated Town. The complete Town Manager's report can be found on the Town's website at www.norwich.vt.us.

4. Approval for Purchase Order Greater than \$25,000 and Request to Expend Designated Funds from Public Works Facilities Fund for Exhaust Systems (Discussion/Action Item). Leinoff received four proposals from three vendors. After calling references and site visits, Leinoff decided the Nederman MagnaSystem was the best one for the Fire Station. It has the best warranty, minimal maintenance and simplest operation.

After a brief discussion, Nunan **moved** (2nd May) to approve the payment of up to \$63,200 for the purchase and installation of a Nederman Exhaust System from J & G Industrial Installation, Inc. **Motion passed.**

Also discussed was the exhaust system for Public Works and Hodgdon wanting to have the generator operational first. Fulton spoke about the health and safety issues at the highway garage. It was decided to table this discussion until Hodgdon was present.

5. Trash Card Increase (Discussion/Action Item). After a brief discussion, Nunan **moved** (2nd May) to increase the cost of coupon books to \$30.00 (\$3.00 per bag) and the cost per bag at the Transfer Station to \$3.50 effective January 1, 2009. **Motion passed.**

6. Correspondence (Please go to www.norwich.vt.us, click on Town Offices bullet in left panel, scroll down to Norwich Selectboard section and click on Recent Selectboard Correspondence to view resident correspondence):

a) Resident –

- 1) Email from Stuart Richards Re: New Zoning Regulations. May **moved** (2nd Nunan) to receive an email from Stuart Richards re: new Zoning Regulations. **Motion passed.**

- 2) Email from Anne Day Re: Speed Limit Reduction Request. Childs **moved** (2nd Nunan) to receive an email from Anne Day re: speed limit reduction request. **Motion passed.** By consensus, the Board asked the Town Manager to write to Amy Gamble of VTrans stating the Selectboard does not agree with the decision to increase the speed limit.

7. Selectboard

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the 11/12/08 Meeting (Action Item). After a brief discussion, the Board tabled approval of these minutes until the December 10th meeting.
- b) Set Dates for Pending Items (Discussion/Action Item). See below.
- c) Litigation (Executive Session May be Required). Pursuant to Title 1 VSA § 313(a)(1), May **moved** (2nd Childs) to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and to invite Pete Webster and Dennis Kaufman to join the Session. **Motion passed.** The Selectboard moved into Executive Session at 7:35 pm.

At 8:35 pm the Selectboard moved into public session. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

May **moved** (2nd Nunan) to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on December 10, 2008.

By Nancy Kramer
Assistant to the Town Manager

Gerard Chapdelaine
Selectboard Chair

Special Selectboard Meetings – December 3, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Next Regular Meeting – December 10, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Pending Items:

- 1) Strategic Planning Committee Organization (3/09)
- 2) Class 1 Road Designation (2010)
- 3) Community Communications Outreach (12/10/08)
- 4) Vehicle Acquisition and Replacement Policy (1/09)
- 5) Municipal Enforcement of the VT Fire Prevention and Building Code (3/09)
- 6) Parking Ordinance (12/10/08)

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