

Minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting of Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 5:30 PM

Members present: Sarah Nunan, Chair; Ed Childs; Sharon Racusin; Lynn McGrew; Pete Webster, Town Manager. Absent: Suzanne Lupien.

Also participating: Richard Blacklow, Dennis Kaufman, Charles Merriman.

Nunan opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

1. 5:30 pm - Litigation (Executive Session May be Required). Pursuant to Title 1 VSA § 313(a)(1), Childs **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> McGrew) to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and to invite Pete Webster, Charles Merriman and the Listers to join the Session. **Motion passed**. The Selectboard moved into Executive Session at 5:35 pm.

At 7:05 pm the Selectboard moved into public session. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session. Those also participating listed above left the meeting at this time.

2. 7:16 pm - Selectboard roundtable to discuss game plan for the year. Webster and Childs have a conflict with the scheduled April 7<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting and cannot attend. After some discussion, the Board agreed to move the meeting to April 15<sup>th</sup> and to let Nancy Kramer know for scheduling purposes.

Looking at the schedule for the year again: McGrew brought up that the Planning Commission will be having a public discussion of the latest Inclusionary Zoning Draft at their April 26, 2009 meeting. Consensus was to ask Dechert to keep the Selectboard posted as to the status of Inclusionary Zoning.

Upcoming budget season:

What we would like to repeat from last year: meeting with Finance Committee in June to figure out "tactical approach" and our goals and objectives.

What we would like to avoid from last year: repeatedly going back to Department Heads at the end of the budget session.

There was discussion regarding how to achieve those goals. The Board agreed there is a need to ask for the public's input/goals before the Town Manager goes to the Department Heads and to advertise/warn that public input will be taken at the Selectboard's August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. This will give Webster the whole month of September and two weeks in October to work out the budget with Department Heads.

Regarding the Town Report:

The Board would like Nancy Kramer to advertise on the Town Email List, Norwich Digest and usual posting places this spring that they are looking for volunteers to help pull this together. Gather together information from past participants in the process regarding timing and time commitment. Webster said that he and Kramer would do a majority of the work if no one came forward. Doug Lufkin would again be retained to do the final design, edit and lay out of the report.

By consensus, the Selectboard agreed that more advertising/recruiting for Town committees, boards, etc. needs to be done. There was discussion regarding when appointments had to be made. Racusin would like tables to be set up around town advertising/educating/encouraging people to join. She would like the interview process to be less intimidating.

McGrew **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Racusin) to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on April 15, 2009.

Sarah Nunan  
Selectboard Chair

Next Regular Meeting – March 25, 2009 at 6:30 PM

Pending Items:

- 1) Vehicle Acquisition and Replacement Policy/NORCAP Report/Strategic Planning (4/18/09)
- 2) Strategic Planning Committee Organization (4/18/09)
- 3) Municipal Enforcement of the VT Fire Prevention and Building Code
- 4) Class 1 Road Designation
- 5) Norwich Open Meeting Policy
- 6) Town Report FY09
- 7) Listening Posts

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