

Minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting of Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 6:30 PM

Members present: Christopher Ashley, Chair; Ed Childs; Linda Cook; Steve Flanders; Keith Moran; Neil Fulton, Town Manager; Nancy Kramer, Assistant to the Town Manager.

There were about 21 people in the audience.

Also participating: Lisa Bloch, Len Brown, Van Chesnut, Michael Cryans, Linda Gray, Elaine Guenet, Jim Harlow, Nancy Hoggson, Linda Husband, Mark Lindberg, Jane Morgan, Chris Rhim, Laura Rice, Doug Robinson, John Taylor, Jay Van Arman, Geoffrey Vitt, Bob Walker, Lucinda Walker.

Ashley opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. Ashley said that public comments would be taken at the end of the meeting and he is asking people to keep them to three minutes or less.

1. Selectboard 3rd Budget Work Session – Outside Agencies (Discussion/Possible Action Item). Fulton said that the Town has received a petition from Advanced Transit today. Flanders outlined the difference between voluntary charitable contributions and taxes raised through monetary articles. He explained that funds raised through taxes must have a statutory basis and must be spent within the jurisdiction of Norwich. Therefore, he requested that each organizational representative explain how the requested funds would be spent in Norwich and what would be the statutory basis for receiving an appropriation. He said that he was also tracking whether the funds would represent a cost-effective per-capita expenditure for those served in the Town. Ashley said the Selectboard has read the information in their budget binders and would like the representatives present to come up to the table in alphabetical order. Representatives from Advance Transit, American Legion Lyman F. Pell Post #8, Cemetery Commission, Child Care Center in Norwich, The Family Place, Green Mountain RSVP, Headrest, Norwich Historical Society (NHS), Norwich Lions Club, Norwich Public Library (NPL), SERG, SEVCA, Upper Valley Trails Alliance (UVTA), VNA & Hospice of VT and NH, White River Council on Aging, Windsor County Partners (WCP), WISE and Youth-In-Action (YIA) attended the meeting, explained what they do and in particular what they do for Norwich residents and answered questions. Other items discussed were: the Park and Ride at Huntley, using outside services for trimming at cemeteries, Roger Blake receiving the outstanding service award for 2012, a new book Norwich, Vermont: A History which Hoggson donated a copy of to the Town, the NPL being the Town “community center”, the increase in complexity of family issues, initial training cost of \$2,000 for mentors for WCP and needing more mentors in Norwich. Flanders offered suggestions to several representatives, regarding the specific title and section of the Vermont Statutes that would best support Town Meeting approval of their proposed appropriations. The Board briefly discussed the Town Warning and having a motion to divide when it comes before them for approval.

2. Review of Next Agenda (Discussion/Possible Action Item). After some discussion, items on the agenda for December 12th will include: follow-up items on FY14 budget, Town Clerk’s FY13 budget, errors and omissions, appointment of Joshua Durst to the Capital Facilities Committee, Citizens Assistance Fund, salaries, record restoration, Town Manager review and an Executive Session to set the Town Manager’s salary.

Moran **moved** (2nd Flanders) to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on January 9, 2013.

By Nancy Kramer
Assistant to the Town Manager

Christopher Ashley
Selectboard Chair

Next Regular Meeting – December 12, 2012 at 6:30 PM

Pending Items:
None

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