

Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting of Wednesday, January 23, 2013 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 12 people in the audience.

Also participating: Alan Berolzheimer, Corlan Johnson, Bonnie Munday, Sharon Racusin.

Ashley opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda (Action Item). By consensus, the Selectboard approved the Agenda.
2. Public Comments. Ashley reviewed the rules and said 3 minutes per person would be allowed. Nobody else spoke during public comments.
3. Town Manager's Report (Discussion). Fulton has received notification that one of the new police cruisers will be arriving Monday, February 4th. There was a \$5,000 addition error in the FY14 budget that has been corrected.
4. Finance – Board to Sign Accounts Payable/Warrants (Action Item). Childs **moved** (2nd Moran) to approve Check Warrant Report #13-23 for General Fund in the amount of \$92,985.30, for Town Reappraisal Fund in the amount of \$5,380.20 and for Citizen Assistance Fund in the amount of \$107.34 for the period from 1/10/13 to 1/23/13. **Motion passed.**
5. Approve Town Portion of 2013 Town Meeting Warning (Discussion/Action Item). Ashley said the Selectboard has a draft warning in front of them for discussion. Fulton briefly discussed the protocol reminding Board members that the number in Article 11 needed to be amended to \$4,001,463 due to the addition error. Flanders suggested having a separate article to designate funds for the purpose of digitization of historic land records. After discussion, the Selectboard left the articles as is.

Flanders **moved** (2nd Childs) to approve the 2013 Town Meeting Warning, as amended, except for Articles 33 and 35 and excluding the school articles. **Motion passed.**

Flanders **moved** to divide the question and vote on Articles 11, 12, 13, 24, 26 and 36 as separate motions.

Flanders **moved** (2nd Moran) to remove Article 24 from the Town Meeting Warning. **Motion failed 1 to 4** (yes – Flanders; no – Ashley, Childs, Cook and Moran). Flanders does not believe SERG presented justification that is supported by State Statutes. Berolzheimer and Racusin both spoke in favor of SERG and leaving the article on the Warning.

Flanders **moved** (2nd Childs) to approve Article 26. **Motion passed.** Ashley abstained from voting.

Berolzheimer spoke in favor of Article 36 stating that the State is lagging behind their State-wide goal of 25% energy savings in 80,000 homes by the year 2020. The Norwich Energy Committee will help get the word out for a big Town-wide effort.

After the final vote was passed, it was discussed that a special meeting would be needed on Friday to approve any articles that come in Thursday.

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) #6 a) and b). Email from Alice Lacey Re: Communications Tower and Email from Peter White Re: Miscellaneous Town Issues. Childs **moved** (2nd Flanders) to receive emails from Alice Lacey re: communications tower and Peter White re: miscellaneous Town issues. **Motion passed.**

7. Selectboard

a) Review of Next Agenda (Discussion/Possible Action Item). The Windsor County side judges, meetings with the Norwich Historic Preservation Commission and Capital Facilities Committee and Town Meeting presentation strategy will be items on the agenda for February 13th. There will also be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the labor relations agreement.

Cook **moved** (2nd Moran) to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on February 27, 2013.

By Nancy Kramer
Assistant to the Town Manager

Christopher Ashley
Selectboard Chair

Next Regular Meeting – February 13, 2013 at 6:30 PM

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