

Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting of Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 6:30 PM

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

There were about 14 people in the audience.

Also participating: Linda Gray, Mary Layton, Cheryl Lindberg, Stuart Richards, Doug Robinson, Matt Swett.

Ashley opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda (Action Item). After some discussion, the Selectboard, by consensus, approved the Agenda.
2. Public Comments. No actions taken.
3. Town Manager's Report (Discussion). No actions taken.
4. Finance Committee Selection Process (Discussion/Possible Action Item). From the discussion of the process, the question arose as to whether a subcommittee of this type can by Statute go into Executive Session. Fulton will do research on and get back to the Selectboard.
5. Norwich Energy Committee (NEC) Charge (Discussion/Possible Action Item). The Selectboard postponed making a final decision on the charge in order for the NEC to further review at their meeting next week.
6. Facilities Public Forum (Discussion/Possible Action Item). The date for the Public Forum on the facilities was set for February 23rd at 7:00 pm. After extensive discussion of the trifold pamphlet to be mailed to Norwich USPS mail recipients, Ashley canvassed the Selectboard on where they stood on the brochure. Cook, Goulet and Moran asked that the brochure be further discussed at the February 11th meeting. It was noted that this delay in approving the brochure may increase the cost of the mailing.
7. Norwich Pool Dam (Discussion/Possible Action Item). Ashley reviewed the letter from the informal Committee regarding the Norwich Pool Dam design. Goulet has been in contact with Jim Masland and suggested an alternative approach to litigation involving legislation based on that conversation. Afterwards, Flanders **moved** (2nd Ashley) that the Town Manager proceed with submitting a timely application for the permit for the Norwich Pool Dam. **Motion passed.**
8. Approve 2015 Town Meeting Warning (Discussion/Action Item). After one question, Flanders **moved** (2nd Moran) to approve the Town portion of the 2015 Town Meeting Warning. **Motion passed.**
9. Discussion of Selectboard Presentation on Budget at Town Meeting (Discussion/Possible Action Item). After discussion, Ashley agreed to have something for the Selectboard to review for the February 11th meeting.

10. FY14 Audit Report (Discussion/Action Item). After some discussion, Flanders **moved** (2nd Moran) to receive the Audits conducted by A.M. Peisch & Company for Fiscal Year 2014. **Motion passed.**

11. Signs Re: Dog Etiquette for Huntley and Trail Heads (Discussion). Moran suggested adding be considerate of others to the signs.

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 Joshua Durst Re: Trash, Email from Sarah Reeves Re: Recycling Etc. and Letter from Town of Rutland, Vermont Re: Resolution. Goulet **moved** (2nd Flanders) to receive emails from Joshua Durst re: trash and Sarah Reeves re: recycling etc. and a letter from Town of Rutland, Vermont re: resolution. **Motion passed.**

13. Selectboard

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the 10/22/14 Meeting (Action Item). After some discussion, Flanders **moved** (2nd Moran) to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2014 Selectboard meeting with the changes discussed tonight. **Motion passed.**
- b) Review of Next Agendas (Discussion/Possible Action Item). A draft of the Selectboard budget presentation, the public facilities brochure, a bond resolution and discussion of GUVSWD Variable Rate Pricing Ordinance will be items on the agenda for February 11th.
- c) Personnel – Town Manager Review (Executive Session may be Required). Pursuant to Title 1 VSA § 313(a)(3), Cook **moved** (2nd Moran) to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the annual performance review of the Town Manager. **Motion passed.** The Selectboard moved into Executive Session at 8:40 pm.

At 9:38 pm, Flanders **moved** (2nd Goulet) to move into public session. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Moran **moved** (2nd Goulet) to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on March 25, 2015.

By Nancy Kramer
Assistant to the Town Manager

Christopher Ashley
Selectboard Chair

Next Regular Meeting – February 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM

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