

Minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting of Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:15 PM

Members present: Linda Cook, Chair; Christopher Ashley (left @ 6:35 pm); Steve Flanders (left @ 6:25 pm); Dan Goulet; Mary Layton, Vice-Chair; Neil Fulton, Town Manager.

There were 3 people in the audience.

Also participating: Suzanne Lupien.

Cook opened the meeting at 6:15 pm.

1. Response to Public Records Request (Executive Session May be Required). Flanders **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Ashley) to release any and all items of Attorney John H. Klesch's correspondence with the Norwich Selectboard and members thereof, including but not limited to his legal opinion on questions related to the Town Manager's terms of employment and to direct the Town Manager to provide them to the *Valley News*, in the manner requested. **Motion failed 2 to 3** (yes – Ashley and Flanders; no – Cook, Goulet and Layton).

Pursuant to Title 1 VSA § 313(a)(1)(F), Cook **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Layton) to enter into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel and receive confidential attorney client communications that premature public knowledge of which would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage and, as a further justification, the Selectboard intends to discuss records that are exempt from disclosure under Title 1 VSA § 313(a)(6). **Motion passed 3 to 1** (yes – Cook, Goulet and Layton; no – Ashley). The Selectboard moved into Executive Session at 6:36 pm. At 6:50 pm, Layton **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Goulet) to move into public session. **Motion passed 3 to 0**. Layton **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Goulet) that the Selectboard retain Robert Fletcher and/or John Klesch to advise it concerning the request submitted on December 10, 2015 to inspect or copy certain public records and authorize the Chair to act on behalf of the Selectboard to engage Robert Fletcher and/or John Klesch and respond to the records request. **Motion passed 3 to 0**.

Goulet **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Layton) to adjourn. **Motion passed**. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on January 13, 2016.

Linda Cook  
Selectboard Chair

Special Selectboard Meeting – December 16, 2015 at 6:30 PM