

Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting of Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Members present: Linda Cook, Chair; Christopher Ashley; Steve Flanders; Dan Goulet; Mary Layton (by phone/skype), Vice-Chair; Neil Fulton, Town Manager; Nancy Kramer, Assistant to the Town Manager.

There were about 11 people in the audience.

Also participating: Kris Clement, Phil Dechert, Linda Gray, Steve Leinoff, Suzanne Lupien, Bonnie Munday.

Cook opened the meeting at 6:33 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda (Action Item). After discussion, Layton **moved** (2nd Flanders) to postpone item #11 on the agenda until the March 9th Selectboard meeting. **Motion passed 5 to 0** (yes – Ashley, Cook, Flanders, Goulet and Layton). Afterwards, the Selectboard, by consensus, approved the Agenda as amended.

2. Public Comments. No actions taken.

3. Town Manager's Report (Discussion). No report was given.

4. Finance – Board to Sign Accounts Payable/Warrants (Action Item). Cook requested the motion be divided due to the two Cook Trust payments. Ashley **moved** (2nd Goulet) to approve Check Warrant Report #16-19 for General Fund in the amount of \$2,077,822.99 for the period from 2/11/16 to 2/24/16. **Motion passed 5 to 0** (yes – Ashley, Cook, Flanders, Goulet and Layton). Ashley **moved** (2nd Flanders) to approve Check Warrant Report #16-19 for General Fund in the amount of \$6,000 for the period from 2/11/16 to 2/24/16. **Motion passed 4 to 0** (yes – Ashley, Flanders, Goulet and Layton). Cook abstained from voting.

10. Liquor Licenses (Action Item). Flanders **moved** (2nd Goulet) that the Selectboard convene as the Norwich Liquor Commission. **Motion passed 5 to 0** (yes – Ashley, Cook, Flanders, Goulet and Layton). Munday said there were no new licenses and that one would come later. Ashley **moved** (2nd Flanders) to approve the liquor license applications for Norwich Inn (3), Dan & Whit's General Store, King Arthur Flour Company (2) and Carpenter and Main Restaurant (2) . **Motion passed 5 to 0** (yes – Ashley, Cook, Flanders, Goulet and Layton). Flanders **moved** (2nd Ashley) to close the Norwich Liquor Commission session and reconvene as the Selectboard meeting. **Motion passed 5 to 0** (yes – Ashley, Cook, Flanders, Goulet and Layton).

5. Appoint Temporary Interim Town Manager (Discussion/Action Item). After a couple of questions and some discussion, Ashley **moved** (2nd Flanders) to approve the resolution appointing Phil Dechert as Interim Town Manager and authorize the Chair to sign. **Motion passed 5 to 0** (yes – Ashley, Cook, Flanders, Goulet and Layton).

6. Request to Expend up to \$2,900 from the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund for Ram Repairs and Five Lengths of Replacement Suction Hose (Discussion/Action Item). Leinoff briefly reviewed his request and answered some questions. Afterwards, Flanders **moved** (2nd Goulet) to authorize the expenditure of approximately \$2,900 from the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund for ram repairs and five lengths of replacement suction hose. **Motion passed 5 to 0** (yes – Ashley, Cook, Flanders, Goulet and Layton).

7. Rutland Town Resolution (Discussion/Possible Action Item). After discussion and public input, Goulet **moved** (2nd Cook) that the Town of Norwich adopt the Resolution. **Motion failed 1 to 4** (yes – Goulet; no - Ashley, Cook, Flanders, and Layton).

8. Codification Project (Discussion/Possible Action Item). Fulton reviewed his proposed changes and comments on the 210 page draft provided in the packet. Dechert reviewed briefly where the process is at for revisions for the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. No actions were taken.

9. Selectboard Presentation on Budget at Town Meeting (Discussion/Possible Action Item). The Selectboard reviewed the two PowerPoint presentations on the Town Meeting Articles and budget and the Town tax rate setting process slide-by-slide. Changes on both presentations were agreed to by consensus. Cook will present the first presentation and Flanders the second.

11. Town Clerk's Compensation (Discussion/Possible Action Item). Postponed until March 9th.

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). Email from Lee Michaelides Re: Safe Route to School Project. Flanders **moved** (2nd Ashley) to receive an email from Lee Michaelides re: Safe Route to School Project. **Motion passed 5 to 0** (yes – Ashley, Cook, Flanders, Goulet and Layton).

13. Selectboard

a) Review of Next Agendas (Discussion/Possible Action Item). The Selectboard reviewed the draft March 2nd agenda and made a couple of changes by consensus. The revised Interim Manager Process will be included in the packet for March 2nd.

Ashley **moved** (2nd Flanders) to adjourn. **Motion passed 5 to 0** (yes – Ashley, Cook, Flanders, Goulet and Layton). Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on March 9, 2016.

By Nancy Kramer
Assistant to the Town Manager

Linda Cook
Selectboard Chair

Special Selectboard Meeting – March 2, 2016 at 5:30 PM

Next Regular Meeting – March 9, 2016 at 6:30 PM

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