

SHARON SELECTBOARD
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 16, 2017
Minutes

Selectmen Present: Kevin Blakeman, Luke Pettengill

Selectmen Absent: Mary Gavin

Staff Attending: Margy Becker (taking minutes), Deb Jones, Finance Manager; Tim Higgins, Road Foreman

Visitors: Everett Hammond, PE; Hull Maynard, Martha Cain, Bonnie Dore, Greg Edwards (Stantec), Wayne Davis (VTrans);

Call to order: Kevin Blakeman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

1. Review & Approve Minutes:

Luke Pettengill he had already departed the January 9th meeting prior to the motion to adjourn. **Luke Pettengill made the motion to approve the minutes of Jan. 9, 2017 with one change to correct the 2nd on the ‘motion to adjourn’ from Luke Pettengill to Kevin Blakeman. Kevin Blakeman seconded. Motion carried.**

2. Review & Approve Warrants:

Warrants were reviewed and approved. The balance due ARC Mechanical for boiler repairs was approved (\$9,129.63).

3. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

4. Road Foreman Reports:

Tim Higgins reported the new truck body is being painted.

5. Paving Capital Improvement Plan:

Everett Hammond, P.E. met with Board members to review a schedule for completion of the paving improvement plan. Tim Higgins will assist with field assessments of paved sections. The final report will be available in late June.

6. Exit 2 Park & Ride:

VTrans staff Wayne Davis met with members of the community and the Selectboard. He reviewed the findings of the Scoping Study, which now includes a new option for the existing park & ride site. The options for the existing site now include expansion within the

State ROW, expansion to accommodate 50 spaces, or expansion to accommodate 70 spaces. Bonnie Dore and Martha Cain spoke strongly against the potential Half Acre Motel site and the Durkee property site. Martha Cain pointed out the Town Plan does not support development activities of a commercial nature in the rural residential area.

Hull Maynard informed the group he was not interested in selling land to the State. His land is adjacent to the existing Park & Ride Facility. Residents and Selectboard members asked Wayne Davis questions concerning the process going forward. He indicated the final scoping report would be available from the VTrans in approximately one month. It is hoped that the Town, the Regional Commission, and Mass Transit operators would agree on a preferred alternative. That meeting has yet to be scheduled. Greg Edwards, Stantec Consulting, agreed to send additional copies of the Draft Scoping Report to the Town.

Kevin Blakeman and Luke Pettengill spoke in favor of taking action at the February 6th, 2017 Selectboard Meeting to express opposition to alternative sites across the Interstate (Half Acre site; Durkee site, etc.).

7. Approval of FY18 Budgets:

Board members conducted a brief final review of the general fund and highway budgets. Some discussion regarding fund balances from the prior year and current year occurred. It was agreed that the \$90,000 FY16 highway fund balance will be considered a transfer into the Highway Infrastructure Fund in FY18.

Motion by Luke Pettengill to approve a municipal budget of \$1,531,237 of which \$1,081,828 will be raised in property taxes. Kevin Blakeman seconded. The motion carried.

8. Request to Change the Grand List – Board of Listers:

The Board of Listers has requested a modification to the grand list. Parcel

Motion to approve the Listers' adjustment to the Grand List (in the Town's favor) by Luke Pettengill. Kevin Blakeman seconded. The motion carried.

9. Selectmen's Report for Town Report 2016:

Selectmen reviewed a draft report. Additional language for discussion of fund balances.

10. Review/Discuss Draft Town Meeting Warning

Margy Becker distributed a draft warning for Town Meeting for information purposes. The warning cannot be finalized until the deadlines for petitions have passed.

11. Royalton Community Policing Contract:

Margy Becker noted that the Selectboard had not taken action on whether or not to accept the Royalton PD contract at revised rates for July 1. Luke Pettengill noted the contract period does not end until June 30, and he suggested the Selectboard wait until June to make that decision. There was no further discussion.

12. OSH Boiler Repairs:

Luke Pettengill advocated for paying ARC Mechanical for its boiler work to-date. The ball valves will be installed in the spring. Selectmen signed the respective warrant.

13. Rte. 132 Solar - Norwich Technologies Status:

Margy Becker reported the PSB has not yet scheduled a pre-hearing conference date.

14. Adjournment:

Luke Pettengill made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:54pm.

Submitted by,
Margy Becker