

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
SELECT BOARD
MEETING
March 21, 2017
6:00PM
Woodstock Town Hall
APPROVED MINUTES**

Present: Bob Holt, L.D. Sutherland, John Doten, Jill Davies, Phil Swanson, and Lynn Beach

Others present: Macy Lawrence, Michelle Fountain, Tom Weschler

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

II. ADDITIONS TO AND DELETIONS FROM THE POSTED AGENDA

A. Letter of Support for Grant Application to VT Council for Rural Development

Mr. Swanson stated that this request is for a letter of support from the Select Board for Sustainable Woodstock's application to the VT Council for Rural Development.

Ms. Davies informed the Board that this is a program entitled Climate Economy Model Communities Program which will help local communities become more affordable by developing efficient transportation choices as well as creating good paying jobs in the clean energy sector. VCRD is selecting two towns to participate in this program which is an opportunity to build stronger relationships with the State and attain new energy goals for the town.

MOTION by Ms. Davies to approve the letter of support for an application by Sustainable Woodstock to the VT Council for Rural Development's for participation in the Climate Economy Model Communities Program.

SECONDED by Mr. Sutherland

DISCUSSION None

VOTE 4-0-0, Passed.

B. Quit Claim Deed for Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. O'Brien III

Mr. Swanson spoke about a small amount of property off Curtis Hollow Road which remained in glebe land, an ancient provision for the leasing of property for the Town to build a school if necessary. This land was Quit Claimed to the current property owner Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. O'Brien III previously, but never recorded. The property owners have a closing scheduled and need a notarized copy of a Deed. Mr. Swanson stated that this land has no value to the Town. A Corrective Quit Claim Deed has been created which must be approved and signed by the Board.

MOTION by Mr. Sutherland to approve the Corrective Quit Claim Deed for Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. O'Brien III of Curtis Hollow Road, as presented.

SECONDED by Ms. Davies

DISCUSSION None

VOTE 4-0-0, Passed

C. Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP)

Mr. Swanson stated the LEOP is an annual emergency plan which must be submitted by each municipality to the local regional planning agency. Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission coordinates the collection of this information for the State.

MOTION by Mr. Sutherland for the Board to sign the LEOP for 2017, as presented.

SECONDED by Ms. Davies

DISCUSSION None

VOTE 4-0-0, Passed.

D. Commercial Hauler's License-ABLE Waste

Mr. Swanson stated that the Town of Woodstock regulates trash haulers for collection and disposal of solid waste which includes recyclables.

MOTION by Mr. Doten to re-license for ABLE Waste as a Commercial Hauler in the Town of Woodstock for 2017.

SECONDED by Ms. Davies

DISCUSSION None

VOTE 4-0-0, Passed.

E. Appoint Representatives to East Central Vermont Telecommunications (ECVTD)

Approved George Sadowsky and David Brown as requested. The form was then signed by Mr. Holt

F. Appoint Select Board member(s) to Review and Approve Weekly Warrants

Mr. Swanson stated that the Select Board appoints one or more member to review and approve the weekly warrants.
Mr. Sutherland volunteered for the job.

G. Discussion of Escheat

Mr. Swanson received a request from Attorney Steven Schindler regarding an escheat property in Woodstock, as a resident has died without a will. In Vermont, an escheat property's proceeds must return to the municipality for the benefit of education. Mr. Swanson will need the Board's approval to engage Attorney Schindler to handle this legal process on the Town's behalf.

MOTION by Mr. Doten to appoint Attorney Steven Schindler to work on the behalf of the Town for an escheat property and will deduct his fees from the proceeds of the estate.

SECONDED by Mr. Sutherland

DISCUSSION None

VOTE 4-0-0, Passed.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Green Mountain Power(GMP) Rehab on Garvin Hill Road

Mr. Swanson presented a request from Green Mountain Power which states their wish to:

Relocate utility poles from in the woods to align with road starting 300' from the intersection of Garvin Hill Rd/Hartland Hill Rd and project ending at The Mahony residence. GMP will be setting poles within the highway limits and replacing poles with telephone only on them to accommodate the new wire.

This request will limit the tree cutting on the road and provide more reliable service. As the poles will be placed in the town's right-of-way, the Select Board must give approval.

MOTION by Mr. Sutherland to approve the request for relocation of utility poles in the Town's right-of-way on Garvin Hill Road, as presented by Green Mountain Power on their plan dated 01/06/2016.

SECONDED by Ms. Davies

DISCUSSION None

VOTE 4-0-0, Passed.

B. Economic Development Commission Grant Requests

Mr. Tom Weschler, co-chair of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) gave an update on the current activities with the EDC. He also presented two requests for funding:

- \$300.00 request for Pop-Up Co-Working
- \$5,500 request from Woodstock Area Mountain Biking Association (WAMBA)

MOTION by Mr. Sutherland to approve the funding request from the EDC for \$300.00 for Pop-Up Co-Working and \$5,500 to WAMBA.

SECONDED by Ms. Davies

DISCUSSION None

VOTE 4-0-0, Passed.

C. Fire/EMS HIPAA Policy

This item was **TABLED** until the next Select Board meeting on April 18, 2017.

VI. PERMITS

A. Overweight Truck Permits

Mr. Doten reviewed and verified that all Overweight Truck Permits were in order, proof of insurance had been received and monies collected.

MOTION by Mr. Doten to approve the Overweight Truck Permits as presented.

SECONDED by Mr. Sutherland

DISCUSSION None

VOTE 4-0-0, Passed.

B. Applications for Renewal of Liquor and/or Tobacco License

1. Taftsville General Store
2. Pi Brick Oven Trattoria

MOTION by Mr. Doten to approve the Renewal of Liquor Licenses presented which also will include Melaza restaurant.

SECONDED by Ms. Davies

DISCUSSION None

VOTE 4-0-0, Passed.

VII. BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

A. Sewer Connection/Increase/Discharge Permits

None

B. Sewer Bill Adjustment Requests

MOTION by Mr. Sutherland to approve the one-time reduction request for 24.51.29.1AP, a property with one bedroom dedicated to part time rental per the Zoning regulations.

SECONDED by Mr. Doten

DISCUSSION None

VOTE 4-0-0, Passed.

MOTION by Mr. Sutherland to not charge penalty and interest for 20.52.28.00A due to a mistake by the resident of where to deliver the sewer payment in a timely manner.

SECONDED by Ms. Davies

DISCUSSION None

VOTE 4-0-0, Passed.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Meeting of March 7, 2017

MOTION by Mr. Doten to approve the minutes of March 7, 2017, as presented.

SECONDED by Mr. Sutherland

DISCUSSION None

VOTE 4-0-0, Passed.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Review Financial Report

The Board reviewed the Financial Report

X. REVIEW EXPENSE WARRANTS

The Board reviewed the expense warrants.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Sutherland to adjourn the meeting pending the review of the expense warrants at 7:00PM.

SECONDED by Mr. Doten

DISCUSSION None

VOTE 4-0-0, Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ellen Beach

Bob Holt, Chair

John Doten

L.D. Sutherland

Jill M. Davies

Sonya Stover