

Selectboard Meeting

September 16, 2013

Selectboard Attendance: Chair Sharon Compagna, Alan Huizenga, Joel Bouvier, Brian Fox and John "Peeker" Heffernan. Also attended by: Town Administrator Bill Bryant, Kristen Underwood, Recreation Director Darla Senecal and two employment candidates. This meeting was held at the Hub Teen Center.

1. Sharon Compagna called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There was a brief update made from Brian Fox concerning the first round of interviews for the position of Hub Director.
2. Motion was made by Joel Bouvier and seconded by Peeker Heffernan to approve the minutes of September 9, 2013. So voted (three in favor and two abstentions from members not present at that meeting).
3. New Phone System Proposal for New Police Facility – Bill Bryant reviewed proposed options from Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom for the phone system at the new facility. The new system will eventually enable the town office to transfer calls it receives to the police department once a similar system is installed for the town. The current phones were purchased used from WCVT and had been previously used by the school district. WCVT will no longer be able to provide service on these phones due to their age. Staff have reviewed options and are recommending the 60 month lease option. Monthly costs will be \$207 and includes the phones, voicemail services and unlimited local calls. The long distance rate will be slightly lower. There is a one-time cost of \$300 to install the new phones but a similar cost would have been incurred to move the old phones to the new offices. Motion was made by Peeker Heffernan and seconded by Joel Bouvier to approve the 60 month lease option as recommended by staff. So voted.
4. Kristen Underwood was present to discuss the Saunders riverbank erosion control project. Two bids have been received for the installation of the erosion control measures. Acker Excavating at \$20,805 and Heffernan Excavating at \$19,675. Peeker Heffernan recused himself from this discussion and vote. Kristen outlined the work required under the request for bids. Motion was made by Alan Huizenga and seconded by Brian Fox to award the contract to Heffernan Excavating for \$19,675 as the low bidder. So voted.
5. Roundtable: Alan Huizenga reported on a sewage backup in Holley Hall that took place on Saturday evening. A damage claim is being submitted to VLCT PACIF and repairs are underway. It is planned to put a camera in the sewage line to see if there is a low spot or break that caused this backup.

Joel Bouvier asked if the water department could trim some sumac growing around a fire hydrant on Pine Street near the Stetson residence.

Alan Huizenga noted that the road to the reservoir is badly eroding and needs attention from the road department.

Sharon Compagna and Joel Bouvier reported they had each spoken to the property owner about the height of plantings at Almost Home Market at the corner of Garfield and North Streets which is restricting visibility for turning vehicles.

Bill Bryant reported that Bob Stetson has resigned his seat on the Zoning Board of Adjustment due to moving from Bristol. Bob will continue to serve as Assistant Zoning Administrator.

6. Executive Session - Motion was made by Alan Huizenga and seconded by Brian Fox to meet in executive session to discuss a personnel matter involving the appointment, employment or evaluation of public officers or employees. So voted. The Board met in executive session from 7:45 to 10:05 p.m. Recreation Director Darla Senecal joined the Board for this executive session, as did two candidates for the position of Hub Director.

After returning to open session, motion was made by Alan Huizenga and seconded by Peeker Heffernan to appoint Ryan Krushenick as the new Hub Director at an annual salary of \$30,000 as a 40 hour per week employee with full time benefits. So voted (four in favor, in abstention – Joel Bouvier).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
William Bryant