

Townshend Selectboard Meeting December 3, 2007

At 5:30 pm a Selectboard Meeting was warned for an Executive Session, before regular meeting, with Town Counsel to discuss personnel.

Evans moved into Executive Session with Town Counsel at 5:40 PM moving to the Officers Room, seconded by Melis, unanimously carried by the Board

Juhasz moved out of Executive Session at 6:25 PM, seconded by Melis, unanimously carried by the Board

Evans moved that the Selectboard order the Town Treasurer to obtain a performance bond in the amount of \$1,000,000 (one million) no later than 10 days from today, and the Treasurer must provide proof of this bonding, seconded by Melis, unanimously carried by the Board.

Juhasz moved to have their clerk retype the Board's letter to the Attorney General, signed by the entire Board, seconded by Melis, unanimously carried by the Board.

Evans moved to have selectperson Juhasz contact VLCT and Pieciak, seconded by Melis, unanimously carried by the Board.

Regular meeting

Present:

Alene Evans
Joseph Juhasz
Henry Martin, vacation

Carole Melis
Jeffrey Russ,
Selectboard

Participating Members:

Hugh Campbell, Reformer correspondent left after Executive Session motions; Robert DeSiervo and Richard Carusona

Vice chair, Evans called the Meeting to **Order** at 6:45 and recognized **Participating Members:**

Hugh Campbell, agent for Massamont Insurance out of Greenfield, Mass. His presentation explained that when the Town had insurance thru Richard Gates Hofman and Clay his company was the insurer. He explained that his quote is an all inclusive package from the Town of Townshend. He reviewed from his prepared sheet his top 10 reasons for considering Metrogard Program. He answered all questions such as establishing value of property; bonding vs. liability insurance, explained sovereign immunity, terrorist insurance costing an additional \$1500 per year, etc.

Evans explained that the Town has yet received Vermont League of Cities and Towns quote. The Board's consensus was that a decision could be made by their Dec. 17th meeting. Campbell left at 6:45 PM

Robert DiSiervo presented his Letter of interest for the vacancy on the Planning Commission. After discussion *Melis moved to appoint Robert DeSiervo to fill Arthur "Tom Lyman's position to 2009, seconded by Evans, unanimously carried by the Board.* DeSiervo left at 6:55 PM

Before Richard Carusona made his presentation, the Board explained that his prepared Driveway Access (curb cut) was denied as he was not the legal owner of the property. He said he would follow up and get the property owners (Stein) signature.

Carusona presented a survey of land (Stein's) explaining his proposal to build 5 family unit housing. He would get to the new driveway over a Town the Federal Government gave to the Town after the Dam was constructed). He has been dealing the Army Corp of Engineers as a part of this driveway can be under water. Many questions were asked as the Board needs clarification on access. Carusona left at 7:20 PM

1a. Town Clerk and/or Treasurer: no report

1b. Highway foreman: was not present – it's snowing outside

As the Board's highway liaison, Russ asked if the Board would consider buying a "top" for the snow blower as RN Johnson quoted Bostrom \$800 (has a small scratch on it top). After discussion *Melis moved to authorize Kurt Bostrom to purchase, up to \$800, a framed roofed enclosure for the tractor, seconded by Evans, unanimously carried by the Board.*

Evans moved to approve the Minutes of November 26 and 27th 2007, seconded by Melis, unanimously carried by the Board. (Melis had earlier offered her minor corrections to Davis before finishing the draft).

Melis moved to Pay Bills and Sign the following Orders, seconded by Russ,

SM07-08 #12 \$11,467.05

SMPR07-08 # \$ 2,254.95

unanimously carried by the Board.

4. Old Business:

Russ' report

- left word for the Town Hall maintenance, Francis Bailey to call him back.
- The Fountain will be moved
- He contacted Gould to tell him that the Town will be plowing out the Library
- Walter "Bo" Royce approached Evans asking her if she got his paper requesting to be paid when on call. She responded no and if he wanted to the Board to consider his request it will have to be in writing.

- The Board instructed their Clerk to write the Listers' a letter to explain who authorized entering into a contract with Jim Boyle, as the Selectboard knew nothing of this expenditure. The Board understood that he is in process of correcting the Town's submitted 2007 reappraisal grand list.
- Davis reported that the Town Treasurer had received on quote on cleaning out the dust in the Town Hall duct works and the need to use a Hepa vacuum to remove remaining dust (her office, kitchen & banquet area). She had questions on the Board actions: removing the shredders and getting the mail.
- The consensus of the Board was to up date the town auditors as to what has transpired and their concerns on producing the 2008 Town Report. *Evans moved that the Board allow Melis to speak/invite the Auditors to their next meeting, seconded by Juhasz, unanimously carried by the Board.*

5. New Business:

- Sheriff Clark's letter requested a meeting with Town Selectmen before establishing their budgets.
- Windham Regional Commission informed the Town that our present Town Plan expires 11/17/08
- Bartlett Tree Experts presented a proposal for the soil around the Common trees, *Melis moved to enter into this year's treatment quote from Bartlett Tree Experts at \$605.00, seconded by Russ, unanimously carried by the Board.*

6. Other Business:

St of VT Project Reviews

- to build 3 bedroom homes , all Townshend Acres, David Lindroos, Janet Conley, Robert Kennedy

Windham Regional Commission faxed a commissioner's job description

George Aiken Resources and Silvio Conte Fish & Wildlife

Information from Carroll Concrete re: New Town Barn construction

E. Garfield Planning Commission terms

7. Executive Session – none at this time

8. Next Meeting – Dec 3rd recessed – regular meeting December 17, 2007

*At 8:00 PM Evans moved to **Recess** this meeting to December 10, 2007 at 6:00 PM, seconded by Melis, unanimously carried by the Board.*

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Davis, clerk for the Selectboard