

Selectboard Present: Nelson Tift, Mark Tessier, Tom Phillips, Rose Regula and Gary Fredette

Others Present: Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, Phil Baker, Steve Lanfear, John Squier and Randy Cole

Town administrator Sandi Switzer called the Selectboard reorganizational meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

S. Switzer asked for nominations for Selectboard chair. T. Phillips made a motion to nominate M. Tessier as board chairman; the motion was not seconded. G. Fredette nominated N. Tift; M. Tessier seconded the nomination. Motion carried (4-0). N. Tift did not vote.

N. Tift asked for nominations for vice chair. T. Phillips nominated G. Fredette; M. Tessier seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0). G. Fredette did not vote.

By consensus, the board agreed to designate the Rutland Herald as the newspaper of record. Board members agreed by consensus to hold meetings the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The board further agreed Roberts Rules of Order would be followed at meetings with an allowance for consensus decision-making when members were in unanimous agreement.

**Minutes.** G. Fredette moved to approve the minutes of the March 3 meeting; T. Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

**Selectboard Orders.** T. Phillips made a motion to approve pay orders totaling \$11,114.54; M. Tessier seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

**Road Commissioner's Report.** Road Commissioner Phil Baker said the road crew was taking good care of the roads and he had received no complaints.

Road foreman Steve Lanfear addressed a couple of concerns regarding the Kenworth truck. He said a flat panel that prevented material from falling on top of the hydraulic tank was missing and a beam was missing from the side of the dump body.

P. Baker responded he would contact Chris Waterman of Green Mountain Kenworth to discuss those issues. He said he would also ask Mr. Waterman if the town's truck was part of the safety recall for non-compliant stop/tail/turn lamps.

G. Fredette said he did a ride-along with road crew member Charlie Woods. He said there ought to be radios in all the town vehicles so road crew members can communicate with each other. S. Lanfear said some of the vehicles had radios. N. Tift said the town of Mendon supplied cellular telephones to employees. P. Baker said cell phones would be more economical than radios. S. Lanfear noted both he and Charlie had cell phones, but he said part-time employee John Squier did not. Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon suggested the town partially reimburse them for use of cell phones while on the job. G. Fredette said the town ought to research purchasing a cell

phone with a basic plan for a third part-time road crew worker and work out a fair reimbursement for Steve and Charlie.

N. Tift raised the issue of the amount of sand being removed from the stockpile at the town garage. S. Lanfear said people were removing truck loads and he suggested a stockpile be created at the transfer station with a fence erected around it. The board discussed options for creating a barrier at the town garage so citizens cannot pull up to the sand and load their trucks. T. Phillips said the town would come up with a plan before next winter.

John Squier informed the board he would be willing to conduct the culvert inventory after he has undergone GPS training through Rutland Regional Planning Commission. He said he was aware the inventory was needed in order to reduce the town's share of state highway grants. T. Phillips said he knew a couple of Wallingford residents willing to assist J. Squier with the inventory. S. Switzer agreed to contact RRPC and set up the training.

The board discussed the road crew's overtime budget that was at \$7891.20 through the 3/6 payroll verses the budget of \$7612. P. Baker said citizens would start complaining about the roads if the town cut back on overtime. T. Phillips asked if J. Squier was working the anticipated 20 hours a week. J. Squier responded he was working during storms and whenever called. M. Tessier indicated he was concerned over the safety aspect of S. Lanfear working 18 hour days.

S. Lanfear said there was a fuel leak in the loader due to a split in the fuel filter. P. Baker said the road foreman should have two sets of filters for every piece of equipment. T. Phillips said the road foreman should maintain an inventory of items so they do not run out.

S. Lanfear raised the issue the underground storage tank at the town garage ought to be removed. P. Baker said he knew of an above ground double lined 2000-gallon tank approximately four-years-old. He agreed to find out the cost of the used tank as well as the cost of a new one. P. Baker said it would likely cost the town \$7000 to \$8000 to have the old tank removed by a state certified technician. P. Baker said he would provide the board with those estimates. T. Phillips said he would check with The Belden Company on tank removal options.

**Meacham Street.** Randy Cole told the board he planned to re-build a house on his Meacham Street property and wanted to know what actions the town would permit him to take to improve drainage on his land. T. Phillips said that whole area was clay with a high water table.

P. Baker suggested Mr. Cole could have a 12-inch pipe installed from the upper catch basing to the storm drain to improve drainage and reduce the amount of water running onto the town road. He said he would be willing to meet with Mr. Cole when the snow

melts to review options. N. Tift suggested S. Lanfear be invited to the meeting. T. Phillips said he would like to be present, too.

**Annual Appointments.** The board agreed by consensus to reappoint the following people to one-year terms: Jerry Tift as dog warden, Eric and Dale Davenport as E911 Coordinators, Jerry Tift as Emergency Management Coordinator, Ken Welch and Jay White as Energy Coordinators, Phillip Baker as Road Commissioner, Mark Tessier to the Fire Protection Budget Committee, Julie Sharon as Town Service Officer, and Steven Pytlik as Tree Warden. Other one-year appointments: Keith Shelvey, Diane Baker, Joan Lattuca, Lisa Marchinkoski, and Dana Jones to the Recreation Committee and John West to the Vermont State Citizens' Advisory Committee.

The following were reappointed for three-year terms: B. Ann Tiplady to the Planning Commission, Jill Burkett and John West to the Development Review Board, and Ralph Nimitz, Anna Tally and Milton Moore to the Energy Committee.

The following were reappointed for four-year terms: Jill Burkett, Ralph Nimitz and Deborah Scranton to the Conservation Commission.

G. Fredette accepted an appointment as the town's representative to Rutland Regional Transportation Council and M. Tessier agreed to be the town's representative to Rutland County Solid Waste District.

G. Fredette said he would like someone on the planning commission to serve on the Rutland Regional Planning Commission board.

The board appointed by consensus Dave Ballou as lister for a vacant three-year seat, Joan Tift to a three-year vacant auditor seat and David Klock to a three-year vacant Trustees of Public Funds post.

**Workshops.** The board by consensus approved J. Sharon's request to attend the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Officers Conference April 9 in Burlington for a fee of \$70 and a March 27 Municipal Treasurers Workshop in Middlebury for a fee of \$50.

**VTrans Annual Financial Plan.** N. Tift made a motion to approve VTrans Annual Financial Plan; T. Phillips seconded them motion. Motion carried (5-0).

**Other Business/Announcements.** N. Tift said the Rutland County Sheriff's Department was doing a good job of radar patrols, issuing tickets and general patrols in the month of February.

T. Phillips made a motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting minutes of March 3; G. Fredette seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

N. Tift said a 25 mph speed sign was missing on Railroad Street and should be replaced.

G. Fredette congratulated Rose Regula on her election to the Selectboard.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Date Approved: April 7, 2014

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator

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