

Selectboard Minutes
September 9, 2019

Selectboard Present: Paul Fraser (chair), Judy Flower, Tom Tolbert and Greg Meulemans

Public Present: Joel Bluming, Keith Hazard (road foreman), Rich Melanson (bctv) and Sara Wiswall (town clerk)

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda.

Emergency CARE program.

2. Approve the minutes of the Aug. 26th Selectboard meeting.

Greg made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Tom, passed.

3. Approve time sheets for: town office, Listers, highway, and transfer station.

Moved to the end of the session.

4. Sign Selectboard orders.

Moved to the end of the session

5. Sign and publish the Warning for the Oct. 15th Town Meeting and vote on the Water Project.

Tom made a motion to accept and sign the Warning as written for the water project.

Seconded by Greg, passed.

6. Discuss a change in the Town's policy of open wifi in light of recent municipal ransomware attacks.

The board all agreed that the wifi should be password protected.

7. Discuss purchase of a "ditch blower" for the road department.

Keith would like to purchase a debris blower to clean out the ditches. They would use it for spring and fall cleanup, plus as needed.

He tried to split/share the machine with another town but no one was interested in the joint ownership.

Judy made a motion to invest in the debris blower or \$7,600 with the provision that Keith would see a demonstration and if not workable it will be returned. Seconded by Tom, passed.

8. Discuss a review, and possible change, of the cemetery fees.

Our cemetery plots are \$25 while neighboring towns are about \$300.

Tom made a motion to create a cemetery study group to determine a fair market value for plots. Seconded by Greg, passed.

Tom will chair the committee.

9. Complete the Bridge survey.

The Selectboard went over the bridge survey and collectively finalized the answers for the bridge survey.

Late Additions:

Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergency (CARE) is a voluntary program to make emergency responders aware of people who may need special assistance. The responders will know what the needs of the people are in an emergency. There is a short form to fill out and send in to 211.

10. Time for public concerns.

There were not any public concerns.

11. Executive session for a personnel issue.

Tom, "I move to find that the premature general public knowledge of a personnel issue would clearly place said personnel at a substantial disadvantage, because the Selectboard feels if it discusses said personnel issue in public." Seconded by Greg.

Tom, "I move that we enter into executive session to discuss personnel issue under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes." Seconded by Judy, passed.

Regular meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.

8:10 p.m. Entered executive session for a personnel matter.

8:45 p.m. End of executive session, no action was taken.

Returned to regular meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Seconded by Judy, passed.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall