

Townshend Select Board Minutes

January 4, 2010

Present:

Select Board: Steve Ovenden, chair, Hedy Harris; David Dezendorf; Bruce Bills; Michael Charles

In attendance: Kim Ellison, Bookkeeper; Kurt Bostrom, Highway Foreman; Dale Davis (Town Barn Committee, chairman); Michael Marquise, P.E.; Craig Hunt, (Select Board administrative assistant)

1. Call to Order: Ovenden called the meeting to Order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: Ovenden made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of December 21st**, seconded by Charles. Following discussion, and correction, the motion was carried by those present.

3. Additions and Deletions: A letter from the Army Corps of Engineers was added under Correspondence.

4. Warrants: Bills made a motion: **To approve the Warrants of January 4, 2010**, seconded by Dezendorf and carried by those present.

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| General Fund | \$ 7,533.65 |
| Payroll | \$ 15,489.03 |
| Highway Department | \$ 6,057.79 |

5. Reports:

Town Clerk's Report: The Board reviewed the printed Town Clerk's Report.

Bookkeeper's / Treasurer's Reports: None at this time.

Highway Foreman's Report: Bostrom reported on efforts to keep the roads cleared and sanded during the duration of the storm, and reported that Truck #8 was damaged when plow wing struck ledge on Simpson Brook Road.

Town Barn Committee Report: Davis reported that a meeting with David Josselyn was scheduled for Thursday, January 7th, and he, Bostrom and Charles then reviewed a letter drafted to Josselyn Brothers. Following agreement on corrections, Charles said that the letter would be sent on January 6th.

Emergency Management Officer's Report: Dezendorf reminded Board members of the Shelter Meeting to be conducted by the Red Cross on January 16th at the Town Hall.

6. Members of the Public: At 7:10 p.m., Michael Marquise, of Marquise and Morano, P.E., was welcomed, and lengthy discussion ensued regarding Transfer Station permitting and, particularly, the objection of the Vermont State Department of Waste Management to locating the compactor within fifty feet of a property line, as designed in the new Town Barn plans. Placement options for the compactor and two recycling bins were reviewed. It was decided, however, for a variety of practical reasons, to request a

waiver to the setback requirements from the State of Vermont in the re-certification application, and seek alternative locations only if that request was denied.

To expedite the application process, and fulfill the Town's agreement that the Transfer Station would be located at the Highway Department facility, it was decided that the compactor and recycling bins would be returned for operation to the Town Yard on January 16th. Michael Marquise agreed to be available to provide assistance in preparing the application, if needed, and left at 7:45 p.m.

7. Correspondence: A letter from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, expressing objections to plans for a commercial hydroelectric generating station at Ball Mountain Dam, was reviewed.

8. Old Business:

Budget: The Select Board, with Bostrom and Ellison, attended to a line-by-line review of the 2010-11 fiscal year Highway Budget.

Ancient Roads: Ovenden reported that receipt of the Ancient Roads Grant money was improbable, as itemized financial documentation was lacking, the forms were incomplete and the deadline for submittal had passed.

Favreau's Corner Road: Hunt reported a lack of progress, due to the Holidays, in preparing the Notice of Decision for the Board's discontinuance of Favreau's Corner Road, and Ovenden offered to seek clarification of the necessary language to be contained in the document and the enablement of the Board to legally determine the final disposition of the property involved, pursuant to 19 V.S.A., Chapter 7, Section 708 of the Vermont Statutes.

9. New Business:

Emergency Management Appointments: Following discussion, Dezendorf made a motion: **To appoint Steve Ovenden as Townshend's Emergency Management Director, and appoint Doug Winot, Townshend's Fire Chief, Michael Cutts, Townshend's Assistant Fire Chief, and Anita Bean, Townshend's Town Clerk, as Townshend's Emergency Management Deputies, with all appointments to become effective on March 3, 2010,** seconded by Charles, and carried by those present.

10. Executive Session: None at this time.

11. Next Meeting: Budget Workshop: January 6, 2010 @ 5:00 p.m.

Budget Workshop: January 11, 2010 @ 5:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting: January 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment: Ovenden made a motion: **To adjourn at 9:45 p.m.,** seconded by Bills, and carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt, administrative assistant