

Townshend Select Board Minutes

March 1, 2010

Present:

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

In attendance: Kim Ellison, Bookkeeper; Dale Davis, Town Barn Committee, chairman; Kurt Bostrom, Highway Foreman; Charles Marchant; 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:** Following discussion, Dezendorf made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of February 16, 2010, as corrected, and February 18, 2010,** seconded by Charles, and carried by those present.
- 3. Additions and Deletions:** None at this time.
- 4. Warrants:** Bills made a motion: **To approve the Warrants of March 1, 2010,** seconded by Harris and carried by those present.

General Fund	\$ 472,714.61
Payroll	\$ 10,930.21
Highway Department	\$ 27,666.96

- 5. Reports: Town Clerk's Report:** The Board reviewed a cash-journal report from the Town Clerk.

Bookkeeper's / Treasurer's Reports: Ellison reported that approximately 5.0% was still outstanding from the first quarterly tax payment, 6.0% from the second tax payment, and 12.0% from the third. Ellison also reported to the Board that \$10,000 was received from the State of Vermont to be placed in the reappraisal fund..

Highway Foreman's Report: Bostrom informed the Board of breakdowns with trucks T-3 and T-4 during Wednesday's snowstorm, and that the water-pump in T-3 had had to be replaced. T-4, however, had thrown a rod with probable damage to the cylinder head and piston. With water now in the oil pan, Bostrom believed that repairs by Twin State Automotive was the best choice.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding assessment of the damage and repairs that could be done "in-house," with Bostrom explaining that his time was one factor, given other commitments, but that the garage was inadequately supplied with the necessary tools. As a result of the discussion, Bostrom agreed to provide the Board with a list of tools that the garage should have, estimated at approximately \$15,000, and the Board agreed to consider making an amendment to its budgetary request at Town Meeting for the purchase of new tools.

Bostrom also relayed that the new air compressor had been installed in the garage and that the old compressor would be put up for sale at auction.

As to the Article in the Town Warning for purchasing a new truck to replace T-3, Bostrom estimated the cost to be between \$170,000 and \$190,000, with the higher figure reflecting the cost of a dual-axle vehicle.

Town Barn Committee Report: Davis requested that Charles send a letter to Josselyn Bros. Construction Inc. regarding a moisture problem that seemed to be developing inside the garage from roof condensation, and schedule a meeting to review any remaining items still unfinished under the contract. Harris then made a motion: **To authorize Charles to sign the forms releasing Josselyn Bros. Construction, Inc. from its Performance Bond upon satisfactory determination by the Town Barn Committee that all major problems were resolved,** seconded by Dezendorf, and carried by those present.

Emergency Management Officer's Report: None at this time.

6. Members of the Public: At 7:12 p.m., the Board welcomed Charles Marchant who requested that the Board grant permission to "covering" fire departments use of the Town Garage for parking their vehicles if needed during inclement weather. Following brief discussion, Dezendorf made a motion: **To permit "covering" fire departments the use of Townshend's Town Garage for parking their equipment in inclement weather, as space might allow, and in coordination with Townshend's Fire Chief and the Road Foreman,** seconded by Ovenden, and carried by those present.

7. Correspondence: Nothing at this time.

8. Old Business:

Ancient Roads Committee Update: Nothing at this time.

Transfer Station Recertification Update: Nothing to report at this time.

VLCT Insurance Update: Nothing to report at this time.

Favreau's Corner Road: Charles made a motion: **To discontinue Favreau's Corner Road,** seconded by Harris, and carried by those present

Handicapped Access Ramp: The Board noted that the railings had been installed, temporarily, and, with appreciation, that Brian Searles had completed a "bridge," between the ramp and the sidewalk in time for voters at Town Meeting.

Job Descriptions: Nothing at this time.

Town Meeting Preview: Board members engaged in lengthy discussion about the upcoming Town Meeting.

9. New Business: None at this time.

10. Executive Session: None at this time.

11. Next Meeting: Town Meeting March 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Select Board Re-Organizational Meeting: March 2, 2010
immediately following Town Meeting

Regular Meeting: March 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment: Charles made a motion: **To adjourn at 8:40 p.m.,** seconded by Harris, and carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt, administrative assistant