

Townshend Select Board

Minutes

February 17, 2014

Present: Select Board: Kit Martin; Hedy Harris; David Dezendorf; Chad Greenwood; Scott Chase

In Attendance: Joe Daigneault; Richard Lucier; Mike Bills; Warren Beattie; Kurt Bostrom; Walter Orgena; Ryan Hockertlotz; Richard Melanson (BCTV); Craig Hunt

1. Call to Order: Martin called the Meeting to Order at 6:12 p.m. and made a motion: **To suspend the rules and meet with members of the public**, seconded by Dezendorf and carried by those present.

Walter Orgena was welcomed and discussed his concern as an abutter about the 500kW solar project to be situated on land of Robert DuGrenier. Martin explained that as the project moves through the permitting phases the Town will have an opportunity comment.

Listers Richard Lucier and Mike Bills were welcomed and Lucier discussed with Board members various issues including the incomplete property maps, which he had worked extensively upon; the new and irritating mileage reimbursement policy and the vetting process that the Listers went through during interviews of an appraiser.

2. At 6:55, Greenwood made a motion: To enter Executive Session with 1st Constable Beattie to discuss a legal matter, seconded by Chase and carried by those present.

At 7:25 p.m., Dezendorf made a motion: **To leave Executive Session**. As a result, Townshend's Constables will consult with law enforcement officials and the Windham County Humane Society on an animal issue, and Hunt was requested to gather and hold records.

3. Reports: Highway: Bostrom reported that T-8 was out of commission due to a defroster motor problem and that it appeared that neither the dealer nor the manufacturer will likely take responsibility for the electrical fire in the T-1, though the truck was recently serviced for electrical problems. Municipal insurance will have to cover all of the repair costs, instead.

Dezendorf updated the Board on the status of East Hill closeout proceedings.

Bids were received and opened for engineering projects: Beck Engineering, \$13,500.00 and SVE, \$35,950.00 for West Hill bridge #42. Beck Engineering, \$21,600.00; SVE, \$37,850.00 and Hammond Engineering, \$14,852.00 for the Grafton Road culvert. By general consent, the Board instructed the Highway Commissioners and the Highway Foreman to review all bids and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

4. Approval of the Minutes: Dezendorf made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of February 3, 2014**, seconded by Harris and carried by those present with one abstention.

5. Additions and Deletions: None at this time.

6. Warrants: Dezendorf made motions to approve the following Warrants, all seconded by Harris:

WARRANT 02191 Payroll \$10,991.90, carried by those present.

WARRANT 02192 Payroll Tax \$4,403.74, carried by those present.

WARRANT 02193 Highway Fund \$3,536.00, carried by those present.

WARRANT 02194 General Fund \$317.81, carried by those present.

WARRANT 02195 General Fund \$351.14, carried by those present.

WARRANT 02196 General Fund \$10,486.51, carried by those present.

WARRANT 02197 Highway Fund \$21,998.98, carried by those present.

WARRANT 02198 Equipment Fund \$7,406.68, carried by those present.

WARRANT 02199 General Fund \$18,086.82, carried by those present.

WARRANT 02190 General Fund \$5,123.82, carried by those present.

Dezendorf then made a motion: **To have the Chair sign a change order with Ingram Construction in the amount of \$413.82 for minor additional work already completed**, seconded by Harris and carried by those present.

7. Reports: Law Enforcement Report: Nothing at this time.

Town Clerk's Report: The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's cash journal reports from the previous weeks.

Treasurer's Report: Daigneault reported to the Select Board that the current balance in the General Fund was \$322,848.27.

Discussion ensued concerning upcoming education payments versus expected tax revenues at the end of the month.

Emergency Management Report: Dezendorf briefly described the new State regulations that will affect the Local Emergency Operations Plans.

7. Correspondence: Harris made a motion: **To grant Lisa's Love permission to use the Townshend Town Hall to hold Mommy's Marketplace**, seconded by Dezendorf and carried by those present.

Harris made a motion: **To permit the Grace Cottage Hospital Auxiliary use of the Town Common on August 2, 2014, for Fair Days**, seconded by Greenwood and carried by those present.

Greenwood made a motion: **To grant the Renaud Brothers overweight permit request with a limitation n the use of Bridge 42 on West Hill Road**, seconded by Chase and carried by those present.

8. Old Business: L&G Right of Way: Hunt was requested to speak with Townshend's attorney about this matter again.

9. New Business: After brief discussion, Dezendorf made a motion: To have Harris arrange to have the Town Meeting lunch catered for a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00, seconded by Harris and carried by those present.

10. Other Business: None at this time.

11. Executive Session: None at this time.

12. Meeting Schedules:

Pre-Town Meeting: February 25th @ 7:00 p.m.

Town Meeting: March 4, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment: Harris made a motion: **To adjourn at 8:58 p.m.**, carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt, assistant