

approved: January 4, 2016

TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2015

Present: Kathy Hege; Robert Wright; Irvin Stowell; Kyle LaPointe

In Attendance: Joe Daigneault; Richard Melanson; Craig Hunt

1. Call To Order: Hege called the meeting to Order at 6:12 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes: LaPointe made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of December 7, 2015**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

LaPointe made a motion: **To approve the Special Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2015**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

3. Additions and Deletions: Added to Correspondence were letters from West River SnoGoers and Andrew Kingman from At&T.

4: Reports: Highway Department Report: None at this time.

Law Enforcement: None at this time.

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

Treasurer's Report: Daigneault reported that the General Fund checking account held a balance of \$977,833.13, exclusive of reserve accounts and prior to the payment of Warrants before the Board.

The Board then briefly discussed the \$250,000.00 Tax Anticipation Note that the Town currently has from People's United Bank and LaPointe made a motion: **To instruct the Treasurer to pay \$200,000.00 in principal toward repayment of the \$250,000.00 Tax Anticipation Note**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

5. Warrants: LaPointe made motions to approve the following Warrants:

12211 Payroll \$11,142.45, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

12212 Payroll Deductions \$4,415.07, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

12213 General Fund \$129.80, seconded by Stowell. Following discussion, the motion was failed by those present.

12214 General Fund \$81.95, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

12215 General Fund \$6,170.95, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

12216 Highway Fund \$1,557.28, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

12217 General Fund \$1,072.95, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.
12218 Equipment Fund \$4,460.78, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.
12219 General Fund \$699.45, seconded by Stowell and carried by those present.

6. Correspondence: Hege read aloud a request from Stanley Bills, Jr., to approve an Errors and Omissions found by the Listers office pertaining to properties on East Hill Road. Following brief discussion, particular to having failed this request in September and not having back-up documentation to review still, Wright made a motion: **To approve Bill's request to change the appraisal on Span #651 205 10079; Parcel # 10006-000 from \$164,400 to \$144,400**, seconded by LaPointe. The motion, when called, failed to carry by those present.

Hege read aloud a letter from Patrick Kiernan, auditor, and LaPointe made a motion: **To find that premature disclosure of confidential information would place the Town in significant jeopardy, if made public**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

LaPointe then made a motion: **To enter Executive Session at 6:58 p.m., under 1 V.S.A. 317a4 to discuss correspondence from the Town's attorney**, seconded by Stowell and carried by those present.

The Select Board returned from Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. and, as a result, LaPointe made a motion: **To approve the request from Kiernan for wages earned in March and April 2015, seconded by Wright**. The motion, when called, failed to carry by those present.

The Board reviewed a request from the West River Sno-Goers and Wright made a motion: **To approve the request by the West River Sno-Goers for crossing and traversing Town roads as specified**, seconded by LaPointe and carried by those present.

A letter received from Andrew Kingman, Regional Director for AT&T services, was read stating that AT&T will not be installing a cell-phone tower in Townshend behind the Library as was planned. Though AT&T requested and received a Certificate of Public Good from the Public Service Board for the construction, AT&T has re-evaluated its plans and will not be upholding its original commitments.

Hege read a request to endorse a resolution, drafted by Rutland Town, which petitions legislators to seek more local influence and authority over the granting of Certificates of Public Good from the Public Service Board for solar farms. Following discussion, LaPointe made a motion: **To add Townshend's name to the resolution**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present with one abstention.

7. Members of the Public: None at this time.

8. Old Business: LaPointe made a motion: **To submit to VTrans the reimbursement request for engineering services on Bridge 42, West Hill Road**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

9. New Business: None at this time.

10. Other Business: None at this time.

11. Meeting Schedules: **Budget Workshop:** December 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting: January 4, 2016, at 6:00 pm

12. Adjournment: LaPointe made a motion: **To adjourn at 7:38 p.m.**, carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt