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Townshend Select Board Meeting Minutes March 2, 2015

Present: Kathy Hege; Carole Melis; Robert LeCours; Dale West

In Attendance: Joe Daigneault; Kurt Bostrom; Richard Melanson; Craig Hunt

1. Call To Order: Hege called the Meeting to Order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes: Melis made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of February 16, 2015, as corrected**, seconded by West and carried by those present.

3. Additions and Deletions: Municipal trash bag purchase was added to Old Business.

4. Warrants: Melis made motions to approve the following Warrants, all seconded by West:

30201 Payroll \$11,419.07 carried by those present with one abstention.

30202 Payroll Tax \$4,870.70 carried by those present.

30203 General Fund \$17,216.05 carried by those present.

30204 Highway Fund \$23,860.14 carried by those present

30205 Equipment Fund \$10,552.35 carried by those present

5. Reports: Highway: Bostrom reported that T-9 had computer problems which needed to be attended and he informed the Board that he'd received assurance from Keith Washburn at TENCO that the 2015 International would be completed by the third week in March.

Discussion turned to the trees down on Simpson Brook Road and the Board's mandate that they be removed prior to the Spring snow-melt. Bostrom said that he was working on an RFP to put out for contractor bids.

Law Enforcement: Nothing at this time.

Town Clerk: The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's cash receipt report from the prior week.

Treasurer: Daigneault reported that the General Fund held a balance of \$1,007,840.00.

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

7. Correspondence: Hege read a letter from David Dezendorf resigning as Townshend's Emergency Management Director. Melis then made a motion: **For the Select Board to accept the resignation of Dezendorf as Townshend's Emergency Management Director with regret, but also with gratitude for his tireless service in that position**, seconded by West and carried by those present.

Hege read a letter from Grace Cottage Hospital requesting the use of the Town Common for Fair Days. Melis made a motion: **To approve the use of the Town Common by Grace Cottage Hospital for Fair Days on August 1, 2015**, seconded by West and carried by those present.

8. Old Business: Melis reported that if the Town was going to sell Townshend trash bags as a means of complying with the pay-as-you-throw system on July 1, 2015, that the decision would have to be made and bags would need to be ordered soon. Lengthy discussion ensued.

FEMA Reimbursement: No update at this time.

Health Order: Hunt reported that on the advice of counsel the request for an appeal to the Health Order, dated February 23, 2015, had been forwarded to the Vermont Department of Health.

9. New Business: Single Audit: Hege updated Board members regarding the financial audit of the Vermont Community Development Grant funds being done by McSoley McCoy.

10. Other Business: None at this time.

11: Executive Session: Melis made a motion: **For the Select Board to enter into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. under 1 V.S.A. 313 A1E to discuss possible litigation**, seconded by West and carried by those present.

At 7:40 p.m., the Select Board returned from Executive Session and, as a result, no action was taken.

12. Meeting Schedule: Town Meeting March 3rd @ 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting March 16th @ 6:00 p.m.

13: Adjournment: Melis made a motion: **To adjourn at 7:45 p.m.**, carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt
administrative assistant