

CALAIS SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

unapproved

Monday, February 22, 2016

7:00pm Calais Town Office

Present: Denise Wheeler Selectboard Chair; Scott Bassage, Rose Pelchuck, John Brabant, Toby Talbot was absent; John McCullough; Alfred Larrabee; Dot Naylor; Larry Bush

Denise Wheeler opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Rose Pelchuck reported that she was very pleased with presentation of Phase I at the Natural Resources Inventory. She said she would support funding Phase II.

REVIEW & SIGN TOWN INVOICES, HIGHWAY ORDERS AND BUDGET UPDATE

Invoices were circulated for signatures

APPOINTED OFFICIALS (MAKE APPOINTMENTS OR REAPPOINTMENTS AS NEEDED)

No appointments

APPROVE MINUTE

It was decided to postpone approving the minutes until next meeting.

ROAD COMMISSIONER UPDATE

Alfred Larrabee noted that were getting all our seasons in one week. Weather forecasts are not very helpful. Denise Wheeler wondered if overtime is down. Rose Pelchuck looking at the vouchers noted that there was some. Alfred Larrabee indicated the it occurred mostly on weekends, usually because of a storm. Denise Wheeler asked about the sand pile. Alfred Larrabee said that it was holding up OK. He indicated that the use of salt was down significantly, that in previously years by now we would have used 6-7 loads; we have so far only use one! Donna Fitch asked if Alfred Larrabee had received a document about highway grants. As he said he didn't Donna Fitch will send him a copy. Denise Wheeler asked if Alfred Larrabee had the final cost of truck. Since he wasn't certain, Denise Wheeler will get it from Toby

LONGMEADOW HILL ROAD UPDATE

Longmeadow Hill Rd update to be postponed.

SIGN REVISED HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY ORDINANCE. Denise Wheeler pointed out that we had adopted the ordinance but had to wait 45 days before finalizing the ordinance in order to give the public the opportunity to express any objections. Since there were none, Scott Bassage moved that since the Selectboard received no objections from the public, that the be ordinance be signed. Rose Pelchuck seconded. Motion passed 4-0

EAST CALAIS STORE LIQUOR LICENSE Scott Bassage made a motion to renew the East Calais Store Liquor License and Tobacco License for 2016. John Brabant seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Licenses were circulated for signatures.

HEALTH OFFICER FORM - Maria Maleku's has been appointed. Denise Wheeler needs to sign the form indicating that she is our Health Officer.

AUTHORIZE TOWN TREASURER TO PAY UNIFIRST INVOICE Unifirst sends their bills after most bills are paid, so they monthly call Donna Fitch asking if the Town will be paying the bill. It a matter of coordination. Donna Fitch asked if she could be authorized to pay the bill when it comes in. Scott Bassage moved that Donna Fitch be authorized to pay the Unifirst bill when it comes in after Alfred Larrabee has checked it. Denise Wheeler seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

UPDATE 2016 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN (LEOP)

Denise Wheeler received an email from Laura Rankor about updating our LEOP. Donna Fitch told her we would get in touch after Town Meeting. Essentially all that is required is updating personnel that has changed.

CENTRAL VT. HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT

Denise Wheeler contacted their director, Erica Hold, about changing the wording in the contract that only the Town representative was authorized to drop off animals. Erica expressed concern that if a resident bringing an animal was told they couldn't accept it; they might just release the animal in the wild. After further discussion, it was agreed to accept that contract as is. John moved to accept the contract. Scott Bassage seconded. Motion passed 4-0

ZONING REGULATIONS – Denise Wheeler checked with Mclain's office regarding the Zoning Regulations not ready for the public's vote to approve. Amanda Lafferty provided a written statement that could be used to explain to the public that if the regulations were approved, they would not be enforceable. Donna Fitch offered an alternative statement, less legalistic. Denise Wheeler pointed out that we could finalize the regulations and present them for a vote during the primary election to be held in August.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND WORK SESSION

WORK SESSION FOR 2016 TOWN MEETING WARNING

Article 3 eliminated,

Town Task Force Report: Scott Bassage reported that the Task Force disbanded, it no longer exists.

Article 5 referring to page 20, Denise Wheeler pointed out the errors. Donna Fitch is prepared to respond to questions about the budget.

Article 13 also has an error. Donna Fitch said it should be \$36,500

Article 6, 7, 8 are all OK

Article 9 Denise Wheeler said that folks on both side of the issue should be prepared to discuss it.

Article 10, Conservation Commission will speak to it.

Article 11 and 12- Donna Fitch will speak to it.

Article 13 Toby will speak to it.

Article 14 Donna Fitch and Scott Bassage will address it.

Article 15 Donna Fitch will have an updated balance sheet
Article 16 Toby to handle
Article 17 Toby should respond
Article 18 Toby
Article 19 Cannot tell Selectboard what to do.
Article 20
Article 21
Article 22
Article 23 Gail Graham would address it. Donna Fitch will email her.
Article 24 Donna Fitch to explain if necessary
Article 25 Donna Fitch will address.
Article 26 Wilson will speak to it.
Article 27
Article 28

ADJOURN/CONTINUE MEETING

Donna Fitch moved to adjourn Scott Bassage seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Cherry, Administrative Assistant.