

Selectboard Special Meeting with Calais School Board Minutes

Monday, January 21, 2019

7pm Calais Town Office

Present: Denise Wheeler (Chair), John Brabant via speakerphone (Vice Chair), Rose Pelchuck (Member), Sharon Winn Fannon (Member), Clif Emmons (Member), Susanna Culver, Katie Reed, Dorothy Naylor, Rick Kehne, Scott Thompson, Scott Bassage and Michele Tofel Murray.

1. Call to Order: Denise Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. Public Comment: Rose Pelchuck informed the Selectboard that Greg Pelchuck would like the Board to reconsider putting an article on the Town Warning for the purchase of a used tractor and mower for the town and let the taxpayers decide on Town Meeting Day. Denise Wheeler said this will be taken up under Other Business later this evening.
3. Review, Additions/Changes to Agenda: None.
4. Meeting with Calais Elementary School Board, Regarding Ownership of the Calais Elementary School Property:
5. Executive Session: Denise Wheeler made a motion to go into Executive Session with Town Attorney Jim Barlow, Esq., the Calais School Board and Scott Thompson at 7:09 pm regarding Confidential Attorney/Client Communication made for the purpose of negotiating or purchasing real estate or secure lease options in accordance with 1 VSA 313 (a) (2). The motion was seconded, voted on and carried 5-0. Susanna Culver made the same motion for the Calais School Board. The motion was seconded, voted on and carried 4-0.

The Selectboard resumed Regular Session at 8:05 pm. Denise Wheeler reported the town attorney will be providing the Selectboard and Calais School Board a proposed school use agreement and a proposed easement for the Calais Elementary School property for consideration by the Calais School District.

6. Other Business: Rose Pelchuck requested the Selectboard reconsider putting an article on the Town Warning for the purchase of a used tractor and mower as originally proposed by the Selectboard earlier in the budget and Town Warning discussions. This request comes from Greg Pelchuck, who has researched such equipment and came before the Selectboard last week with the same request. The Selectboard discussed this item at length and expressed grateful appreciation to Greg for his research and effort. After much discussion, the Selectboard decided to have Greg assist the Board to do “due diligence” before bringing this article to the voters this year. Further research includes

the cost of the tractor and mower/cutter, transportation to get it to VT, set up, labor, insurance, maintenance costs, financing costs over the number of years on the loan and to work with the Road Commissioner and/or Operations Manager to see what best fits the towns needs in terms of prioritizing equipment purchases. Rose Pelchuck agreed to inform Greg of the Selectboard's decision.

Agenda Items for January 28th A subcommittee must be formed to begin drafting a policy and guidelines for use of the Calais Town Hall.

Adjournment: Rose Pelchuck made a motion to adjourn at 9:09 pm. The motion was seconded, voted on and carried 4-0. John Brabant disconnected earlier from speakerphone.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Pelchuck, Selectboard Member
Approved by the Selectboard at the 1/28/2019 meeting

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