

Starksboro Selection Board Meeting

March 17, 2017

Selectboard members Present: Peter Marsh, Tony Porter, Susan Jefferies (Chair), Koran Cousino, Keegan Tierney

Others present: Tom Estey, Celina Aiguier

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Welcome new selectboard members Koran and Keegan.

Bills: P. Marsh made motion to instruct treasurer to pay the 10% down payment of new tanker truck approved at town meeting. K. Cousino seconded. Voted and approved.

Minutes: T. Porter moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 selectboard meeting. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved.

Road Foreman's report: T. Estey reported that the 1 ton truck made it through the storm without issues. He has been researching prices at Shearer Chevrolet for a new pick up truck to be used for plowing, checking on roads and back up if 1 ton breaks down. Price quote for suitable truck is \$42,800.00 with a tax break quote of \$31,086.00. Discussed a gas truck would be preferable as there is a limited reservoir for diesel in town and several nearby gas stations to service the vehicle. T. Estey mentioned a new snow plow price would cost \$6,200.00 and received quotes on two sanders, \$4,500.00 and \$5,900.00 respectively. S. Jefferies said that the purchase of this equipment would need to be brought to town for approval.

Benj Putnam- Glebe Land-Release of Lien: T. Porter made motion to sign quit claim deed. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved.

Mail:

- **Homeward bound** contract received for animal intake. K. Cousino made motion to sign contract for \$550.00 yearly flat rate fee. T. Porter seconded. Voted and approved.
- **Mowing bid** received. Waiting for more bids to be received before discussion begins.
- **Conservation commision** sent invitation for selectboard members to attend a 7:00 pm March 27th meeting.
- **Mileage reimbursement** increase to 55 cents/mile.
- **Letter of enforcement on a camp** for Zoning Administrator forwarded to selectboard as reference if future assistance is needed.

New Business

- **Establish regular meeting dates and times:** S. Jefferies asked if regular selectboard meeting times of the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm works for all members. All agreed this time works.
- **Review Annual Board Calendar:** S. Jefferies discussed selectboard retreat meeting can held either April 11th or April 25th. The date for the retreat will be decided at the next selectboard meeting. S. Jefferies explained a retreat meeting is an organizational meeting for the selectboard although the meeting is warned and public may attend. S. Jefferies mentioned a selectboard member could be in charge of the annual calendar and all members could add to the calendar if the need arises.
- **Nominations:** T. Porter nominated S. Jefferies for Chair of meeting. K. Tierney seconded. Voted and approved. P. Marsh nominated T. Porter as Vice Chair. K. Cousino seconded. Voted and approved.
- **Green Up Coordinator:** S. Jefferies mentioned that Becky Trombley had volunteered to be new Green Up coordinator. P. Marsh motioned to appoint Becky Trombley as Green Up coordinator. K. Tierney seconded. Voted and approved.

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- **Tree Warden:** P. Marsh made motion to appoint Tom Estey. K. Tierney seconded. Voted and approved.
- **Animal control officer/Pound Keeper:** P. Marsh made motion to appoint Heather Ragsdale. K. Tierney seconded. Voted and approved.
- **Pottery Studio Lease:** S. Jefferies reported that the community center Pottery Studio lease expired on February 28th and recommended that Judith Bryant be invited to discuss the new lease at the next selectboard meeting.
- **Financial Statement Review:** Reviewed "YTD" column on page 52 of 2015/2016 Annual report.
- **Selectboard members to serve on Friends of Jerusalem Schoolhouse committee:** T.Porter and K. Tierney volunteered to represent the selectboard on the FoJS joint committee. T. Porter mentioned that Tom Estey and Greg Cousino volunteered to represent the Fire Department. P. Marsh added that the members of the Lady's Home Circle should be invited to this committee as they have an interest in the building. S. Jefferies agreed to contact a member of the Lady's Home Circle.

Old Business:

- **Sign Cl 4 Roads Policy:** T. Porter brought the policy for S. Jefferies to sign earlier in the week as the selectboard meeting was postponed due to a winter storm.

Agenda Items for March 28, 2017:

- Town Gravel Pit Land
- Green Lantern Solar Proposal
- Telling and Associates Audit review
- Website
- Pottery Studio Lease- Judith Bryant
- Annual calendar volunteer
- Retreat meeting date for April

The next meeting will be on March 28, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM

Minutes submitted by Celina Aiguier

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