

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting
December 18, 2018
Unapproved

Present: Eric Cota, Peter Marsh, Tony Porter, Keegan Tierney

Unable to attend: Koran Cousino

Others present: Cheryl Estey, Rebecca Elder (SB Assistant)

The meeting was called to order at 5:30.

Additions to the agenda:

1. Cheryl Estey to discuss office staffing/personnel.

Motion: Eric Cota moved to enter executive session per 1 VSA §313(3)(a) to discuss a personnel issue. Peter Marsh seconded. Cheryl Estey was included in the session.

Motion carried.

Motion to exit executive session at 5:50 p.m. Eric Cota moved, Peter Marsh seconded.

Action taken: None

Jerusalem Store – Liquor license

Motion: Peter Marsh moved to approve the liquor license renewal submitted by the owners of the Jerusalem Store. Keegan Tierney seconded.

Motion carried.

School district agreement for Robinson school

Motion: Keegan Tierney moved to approve the agreement regarding use of the “multi-purpose room” at Robinson Elementary School and to authorize Koran Cousino as the duly authorized agent to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town.

Motion carried.

Budget review

- Health insurance costs and anticipated new employee plans are the biggest increases.
- Parcel Mapping – need to obtain quote for work needed in 2019 per the State and for Listers’ tax map updates.

Zoning Request

Rebecca requested permission to refund a zoning fee due to unforeseen circumstances for the applicant. The permit had not yet been issued.

Motion: Keegan Tierney moved to instruct the Treasurer to issue a refund to a zoning applicant with documentation provided by the ZA. Eric Cota seconded.

Motion carried.

IT and WIFI updates

VC3, an IT company that presented to the board at the last meeting, submitted quotes for various IT services. The board reviewed the proposals and will consider what services may be added in FY19-20. The priorities are new computers for the Town Clerk and the Listers as well as added security features.

The WIFI in the Town Clerk's office has been updated with WIFI "ties" to help provide a strong signal throughout the building.

Maintenance Updates

- Library: Toilet went bad; repairs are needed. Peter repaired the main door. The library staff reported that it is difficult to see ice on the walkway at night. Peter will try to adjust the angle of the flood lighting to better light the path.

SB concerns

- Peter will accompany the representative from PACIF who will be doing an inventory of town buildings for insurance purposes.
- VYCC contacted Keegan regarding potential work on Mason Hill Class 4 areas to address erosion control. Keegan will talk with them about what is possible for 2019.
- Concerns on Mason Hill North were reported regarding speeding, items in/near the road and right of way.

Orders/Bills

Motion: Eric Cota moved to instruct the Treasurer to pay the bills and warrants as presented with amended below noted. Peter Marsh seconded.

Motion carried.

Note: LAG invoice – PFAS testing costs should be paid from the emergency fund. Correction needed—cost was put in the recycling line.

11/13/18 minutes

Motion: Keegan Tierney moved to approve the minutes of 11/13/18. Peter Marsh seconded.

Motion carried.

11/27/18 – HOLD no quorum for approval

12/4/18

Motion: Keegan Tierney moved to approve the minutes of 12/4/18. Eric Cota seconded.

Motion carried 3/0/1. Peter Marsh abstained.

Speed Ordinance – review and sign

The board reviewed the incorporated changes to the Speed Ordinance. The ordinance was adopted by motion of the board on 10/2/18.

The ordinance will become effective February 1, 2019.

Motion to adjourn: Keegan Tierney moved and Eric Cota seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Elder
Selectboard Assistant

Next meetings: January 1, 2019 and January 15, 2019