

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Wednesday January 18, 2017**

Present at Meeting:

Bert Potter, Selectman; Steven Nicholson, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Jamie Carrara, Road Commissioner; Rich Biziak, Auditor; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Selectman Potter

Approval of Agenda:

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to approve the agenda. Modifications: Action on the VTrans Annual Certification of Highway Mileage. Approved with modifications

Auditors – Town Warning & School Warning Procedure:

Rich Biziak, Auditor informed the Selectboard about recent communications and clarification of procedures in respect to the newly formed Unified School District and statutory processes for approval of the Unified School District Warning, ballots and election certification.

Rich indicated that since the beginning of the year he has been in communication with David Younce, Superintendent of Mill River Unified Union School District, and Mark Goodwin, Shrewsbury Town Clerk, on the procedures for publishing the Warning and reports to be utilized by Shrewsbury voters as a source of information pertaining to voting on the MRUUSD annual budget in particular and other items pertaining to District initiatives. Because there were no established precedents or actual experience because of the emergence of ACT 153 and the establishment of the Unified School District, some of the procedures that were once followed no longer pertain to what voters have been used to. With this in mind it was the goal of officials involved to be clear and compliant with the statutory guidance available.

It has been determined that the “formal” Informational Meeting regarding MRUUSD will take place on February 23 at Mill River Union High School, where the budget and subsequent articles will be discussed prior to adjournment of said meeting in order to vote in the individual member towns by Australian ballot March 7, 2017. In respect to the “usual” School informational meeting held the evening prior to the election, the Selectboard will convene the Town Informational Meeting and then yield the floor, as a courtesy to the Shrewsbury Directors and any MRUUSD Administrative Staff present, in order to briefly summarize the MRUUSD information for voters.

In respect to publishing the Warning, each member Town will have a specific warning pertinent to that Town in respect to election of representatives and budget, which will be available to be published in each Town’s Annual Report if they so desire to do so. MRUUSD will be publishing their own report and warning prior to the election in compliance with 16 V.S.A. §§428, 563 and 722 and 17 V.S.A. §2641. MRUUSD will also publish and provide the School District ballots to each Town and be responsible for tabulating and certifying votes.

Review of 2017 Budget Status & Selectboard Report:

Steven has circulated for review a draft of the Selectboard Report.

The review and construction of the 2017 budget is on schedule and it appears that the Selectboard will be able to finalize the budget at the February 1 meeting well ahead of the deadline for posting the Warning.

Road Commissioner's Report:

Steven moved and Bert seconded to go into executive session at 7:31 PM in order to discuss personnel matters.

The Selectboard emerged from executive session at 7:48 PM

The Road Commissioner will continue to closely monitor the licensing certification status of Road Crew members.

Aaron indicated that he will support the Road Commissioner at the upcoming Rutland County Road Commissioners meeting where the topic presentation and discussion will be ACT 64.

Certification of Highway Mileage:

Bert moved and Aaron to authorize the 2017 Certification of Highway Mileage. Discussion: No changes from the previous years' certification. Approved

March Selectboard Meeting Schedule:

Because of the timing of the Annual Meeting the Selectboard will be making an adjustment to the regular meeting schedule.

Steven moved and Bert seconded to change the first meeting of March 2017 to March 8th and 22nd. Discussion meeting on the 8th will be the Organizational Meeting the day after the Annual Meeting election. Approved. The Clerk will notice the change for the Times of Shrewsbury and the Town Website and through the regular posting process

Budget Construction:

The Selectboard continued to work on line items for General Expenses in the 2017 Budget. Steven will inquire of Linda on a couple of line items that the Selectboard was unclear about.

Open to the Public:

No members of the public present

New Business:

Certification of Mileage was addressed previously

Minutes:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the minutes of January 4, 2017. Approved

Bert clarified that Al Ridlon Jr. was the winner of the Transfer Station Punch Card drawing on January 4, 2017.

Orders:

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to approve Road Commissioner Orders # 1A of January 18, 2017 for \$7,989.75 and Selectboard Orders #1A of January 18, 2017 of \$1.572.98. Approved.

Meeting was duly adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.