

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Wednesday November 16th, 2016**

Present at Meeting:

Steven Nicholson, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Linda McGuire, Treasurer; Barry Griffith, Town Agent; Sanford Bragg Auditor; Richard Biziak, Auditor; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved and Steven seconded to approve the agenda. Modifications: Retroactive appointments of Mark Goodwin and David Rice to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.
Approved with modifications

Auditors Report:

Rich Biziak presented the Auditors' schedule for developing, printing and distributing the Town Annual Report for the March 7, 2017 Annual Meeting Election. The presentation outlined the key dates and materials needed in order to have the Annual Report received by voters within the statutory required time of 10 days prior to the Meeting. Included in the presentation were key dates for the posting of the Warning (2/5/2016) and financial reports developed by the Treasurer for the Annual Report.

The Auditors delivered a proposed annual budget for the Auditors, which essentially is a flat projection for 2017, with a minimal \$105 increase. It was noted that the Annual Report is budgeted for the same amount as the current year, however with the creation of the Unified Scholl District and the initial report, it is expected that few pages and subsequently less expense will be associated with the report. Rich will attempt to find out how the Mill River Unified Union School District (MRUUSD) will report on activities at the SMS for the term prior to the creation of MRUUSD on July 1, 2016.

Rich also delivered findings of the Auditors 2016 Quarterly Audits to date. Discrepancies were enumerated and the Selectboard will examine and make necessary corrections to the record.

Spring Lake Road Culvert Project:

Aaron reported on the receipt of quotes for the remediation work to the Reid's property: Weaver Excavating: \$4,000, Luciani Construction LLC - \$2,500 and a No Bid from Jeb Potter of Belmont, VT. (Schedule precluded availability until spring 2017)

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to accept the bid from Luciani Construction LLC for the reconstruction of 30 feet +/- stonewall and tandem load of topsoil to fill low spot at end of stonewall. Approved.

Treasurer Report:

Linda reported that she will contact Mascoma Bank in order to see if the Town would be eligible to take out a line of credit at the low FEMA interest rates in order to meet obligations while the Town awaits reimbursement by FEMA of the final payments due as a result of the "closeout"

process for FEMA projects. These include the Upper Cold River Road Shear as well as the Biddle and Bedesem culverts.

Steven indicated to Linda that he was uncertain as to when VT DEMHS will be authorizing payment via FEMA and VT DOT, so that discussion of the term of the line of credit was still a variable. Steven indicated that the pace of information and document exchange with the Town Departments responsible for reimbursement was exceedingly slow.

The authorization for the VT DOT Paving Grant and Structures Grant (Spring Lake Road Culvert) have been submitted and the funds are expected by the end of the year.

The consensus of the Selectbaord was to delay payment of the Warned Items from the 2016 approved budget until a better determination of the reimbursement schedule be either VT DOT and/or FEMA.

Town Agent Report:

Barry was able to reconstruct his notes from last year in regards to the "Old VT Rte. 103" determination. Barry will prepare a proposal which will hopefully address the historical ambiguity of the corridor's or easements designation by the Town and a proposal for the Town to alleviate itself from any possible or continued liability concerning the corridor or easement based.

Appointments:

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to appoint retroactively Mark Goodwin to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and David Rice as Alternate to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. The Term runs from July 1, 2016 to June30, 2017. Approved

Open to the Public:

No members of the Public present

Minutes:

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to approve the minutes of November 2, 2016. Approved

Orders:

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to approve Road Commissioner Orders # 11A of November 16, 2016 for \$10,952.65 (Note ~\$4,000 is attributed to BC&BS insurance premium and ~\$5,000 for road salt) and Selectboard Orders #11A of November 16, 2016 of \$1,836.09. Approved.

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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