

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
November 1, 2017**

Present at Meeting:

Bert Potter, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Steven Nicholson; Selectman, Sharon Winnicki, Chair - Board of Listers; Linda McGuire, Treasurer; Randy Page, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Selectman Potter

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved and Bert seconded to approve the agenda. Modifications: Report from the Collector of Delinquent Taxes and TSI PW Closeout Update. Approved with modifications

Mascoma Line of Credit and Audit Status:

Steven offered an apology to Linda McGuire, Town Treasurer for the addressing her with a lack of respect and Bert apologized for the lack of decorum and order attributed to the Chairperson, at the previous Selectboard Meeting. Overture acknowledged by the Treasurer.

Linda reported that Mascoma Bank will extend the Town's Line of Credit into 2018 for one (1) year at a rate of 1.75% for a principle amount of \$250k with interest accumulated due as payment in the current year. The Terms are the same as in previous years for FEMA related expense that have yet been reimbursed by the State and Federal Government.

Linda also reported that she has investigated a Line of Credit through Community Bank. Community Bank indicated a willingness to establish a line of Credit including a Tax Anticipation Loan. Terms would be dependent on amount, term length and when an application is made. In addition, it was stated that Community Bank would not necessarily require an audit in order to utilize those options, based on the amounts the Town has historically borrowed.

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to authorize the Treasurer to proceed with the renewal of the Mascoma Line of Credit for 2018. Approved

Listers Report:

Sharon reported that there were two (2) Current Use modifications received from the VT Dept. of Taxes; one crediting the Grand List and one deduction.

The Selectboard acknowledged the Current Use modifications as reported by the Listers.

Bert moved and Steven Second to move into Executive Session to receive a report and recommendation from the Listers regarding settlement negotiations regarding an on-going BCA Assessment Appeal at 7:17 PM. Approved

The Selectboard exited from Executive Session at 7:27 PM

The Selectboard instructed the Chair of the Board of Listers to continue negotiations with the Appellant's agent and to keep the Selectboard apprised of progress or lack thereof.

2018 Health Care Open Enrollment:

Steven presented the 2018 Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Vermont 2018 Plan information. Steven recommended the continuation of the Silver Plan for the Road Crew into 2018. The following rates have been established by BC & BS for 2018: \$549.44 /month for one person, \$1,099.10 /month for Couple or \$1,060.63 for Parent and Child(ren), \$1,544.24 /month for a family
Steven moved and Aaron seconded to offer the Road Crew the Silver Plan for 2018. Approved

Excess Weight Permit:

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve an excess weight permit for Duquette Forestry Trans., Inc. All documentation was in order. Approved.

Delinquent Tax Collector Report:

Randy Page reported that for 2017 there was an increase of about 12 additional taxpayers added to the Delinquency list in 2017 with approximately \$42,000 increase in the total amount for delinquent taxes owed.

Open to the Public:

No members of the public present at this time.

Tropical Storm Irene FEMA Project Worksheet (PW) Closeout Update:

Steven reported that VT DEMHS is still reviewing (or has renewed review) of the Town's request for Closeout and final payment for a number of Irene projects that are awaiting final inspection per the FEMA payment authorization process. Steven indicated that there appears to be some discrepancy in the records requested and delivered to VT DEMHS and those that Waterbury has indicated that they have.

Minutes:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the Minutes of October 18, 2017. Approved

Orders

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve:
Road Commissioner Orders # 11 of November 1, 2017 for \$8,422.34 and Selectboard Orders # 11 of November 1, 2017 for \$10,163.33. Approved (Note: \$8,725 attributed to the Selectboard Orders was for Tax refunds for overpayment of taxes.)

Transfer Station Ticket Drawing:

Gary Salmon's punch card was drawn as the winner of the \$10 Card.

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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