

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
March, 6th, 2019**

Present at Meeting:

Bert Potter, Selectman; Steven Nicholson, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Steven Nicholson was administered the Oath of Office by the Town Clerk

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Selectman Potter

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved and Bert seconded to approve the agenda. Modifications: Add

- Discussion of calculation error of the 2019 Budget that was presented in the Town Report

Approved with modifications

Selection of Chair:

Steven nominated Bert Potter as Chair of the Selectboard, seconded by Aaron. Approved

Organization:

Bert moved and Steven seconded the following:

Time & Place of Selectboard Meetings:

- 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 PM at the Town Office, 9823 Cold River Rd
- Newspapers of Record: Times of Shrewsbury & Rutland Herald
- Posting Locations: Pierce's Store and Cuttingsville Post Office

Approved

Bert nominated Mark Goodwin, Selectboard Clerk, Aaron seconded. Approved

Steven nominated and Aaron seconded the following individuals to serve as appointed Officials:

Michael Stewart – Fence Viewer

Randy Page – Fence Viewer

Bert Potter – Fence Viewer

Gillian Gaines - Pound Keeper

John Wood - Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood

John Wood - Weigher of Coal

Gary Salmon – Tree Warden

Jamie Carrara – Road Commissioner

Approved

Steven nominated and Aaron seconded the following individuals to serve as appointed Officials:

Laura Black – Planning Commission – 3year term

Annette Parish – Trustee of Community Meeting House – 3 year term

Peter Grace – Conservation Commission – 4 year term

Connie Youngstrom – Conservation Commission – 4 year term

Alan Shelvey – Development Review Board – 3 year term

Debbie Blecich – Library Board Member - - 3 year term

Bert Potter – SWAC Representative

Aaron Korzun – ACT 654 Advisory Committee

Davis Terrell – Energy Coordinator
Gerry Martin – Regional Ambulance Representative – 3 year term
Steven Nicholson – FEMA Administrator

Approved

Annual Town Meeting Election Results:

It was noted that no one individual received the requisite number of votes for the office of 1st & 2nd Constable. Prior to making any appointment, Bert will inquire with the Sheriffs office as to recent State regulatory aspects of Constable in respect to responsibilities and training, so that if an appointment were to be made, a clear level of responsibility is understood by the appointee.

It was also noted that no one individual received the requisite number of votes for either Cemetery Commissioner position, with the third position due to expire in 2020. Steven suggested that the position and function of the Cemetery Commission be placed on the Selectboard agenda for further discussion in the near future.

Open to the Public:

No members of the public present

New Business:

Steven presented the following explanation for the significant calculation error he had inadvertently made while constructing the 2019 Roads Budget for the Town Report. Having left off zeros in both the Salt line (\$3,000 rather than \$30,000) and the Paving line (\$16,000 rather than \$160,000) under the Road Expenses heading, the mis-calculations were not caught because of the way Steven’s spread sheet self-populated certain calculations in respect to the “Overall Expenses-Budgeted and Actual” utilized to construct the budget. The \$171,000 will be made up by a surplus because of the timing of recently awarded FEMA reimbursement monies from Tropical Storm Irene, which the Town has received notice of receipt but not yet actually transferred into the Town’s accounts.

The Selectboard is confident that the mis-calculation will not adversely affect the taxes that have been budgeted to be raised or in other words the tax rate that individuals will be billed will not be impacted by the calculation error. Steven indicated he has come to appreciate the old adage, “Measure twice, cut once”.

Telephone Service Resilience in Shrewsbury

The Selectboard received a letter from June Tierney, Commissioner of the Department of Public Service in response to the letter sent 1/16/2019 in respect to digital telephone lines impacted by power outages.. The Commissioner addressed some of the issues pertaining to the differences in fiber phone service and traditional landline service. It is the Commissioner’s contention that at this time there is no apparent indication that VTel is failing to follow the FCC’s battery backup rules. The Department “will be developing a communications outreach plan to raise consumer awareness about the need to take steps to ensure that they have battery backups an otherwise prepared for emergencies and power outages of longer duration.”

Steven indicated that he will be disseminate the information and follow up with those townsfolk who presented their concerns to the Selectboard.

Excess Weight Permits:

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve Excess Weight Permits for: Champlain Construction. Discussion: all requisite documentation was included in the submission. Approved

Minutes:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the minutes of 2/20/2019 and the Minutes of the Selectboard Public Hearing of 2/20/2019. Approved

Orders:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve:

Selectboard Orders #3 of 3/6/2019 for 4,369.87 and Road Commissioner Orders #3 of 3/6/2019 for \$10,012.45.

Approved

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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