

FAYSTON Selectboard Minutes

2/18/19

Selectboard Present: Jared Cadwell, (Jared), Chuck Martel (Chuck) and Michael Jordan (Mike)

Selectboard Assistant: Patti Lewis (Patti)

Road Foreman: Stuart Hallstrom (Stuart)

Minute-Taker: JB Weir (JB)

Guests: Vincent Yasi (c44), Don Simonini (Don), Sheila Getzinger (Sheila), Rick Rayfield (Rick)

1. Chuck made a motion to approve Selectboard (SB) minutes of February 5, 2019. Jared seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Stuart provided the road foreman update. Stuart noted that salt is still difficult to get. The Town gets salt (American rock) from Dubois Construction. The garage can only store up to three loads at a time. A load is on the way. Sand will have to be used in the meantime.

Stuart provided the SB with the truck bids. The 2009 dump truck will be replaced. Three bids were received. The bid from Clarks was \$110,058; the bid from Charlesbois for the Western Star was \$126,967; and the bid from Charlesbois for the Freightliner was \$124,927. There are also separate costs associated with the warranties. Tenco provided an estimate for the body of \$70,896. Mike will breakdown the bids in a spreadsheet for the SB to compare. Jared made a motion to authorize Chuck and Mike to evaluate bids and choose the best offer. Chuck seconded, no further discussion, all in favor and the motion carried.

3. Rick was present to review the Town Meeting warning. Rick is the moderator for Town Meeting, and the SB wanted to review the content of the warning with him. Discussion was had as to the rationale to the order of Articles 17-20. Jared will take the lead on Article 19 with regard to explaining the budget. There will be elections from the floor for Articles 7-16. Patti will place a link to the Town Meeting warning on Front Porch Forum so residents can know what open seats are up for election. Patti will confirm with David Frank that he be present at Town Meeting to discuss the municipal maintenance and ADA projects. The question arose, as to Article 24 and the election of a representative to the Harwood Union Unified School District Board of Directors, as to whether Australian ballot issues can be discussed from the floor. Candidates may be nominated from the floor and introductions will be necessary. Rick will find out whether this constitutes prohibited campaigning from the floor. There will be no lunch. Coffee and light snacks will be served.

4. Sheila was present to discuss lease lands. Sheila has prepared a quit-claim deed of lease land for the Spector property. At the February 5, 2019 meeting, the SB voted to approve a blanket quit claim deed for all lease lands in which Town right to subsurface mineral rights and oil deposits was reserved. Sheila explained that, in her research, the Town had not reserved any rights in the deeds encapsulating lease lands. Sheila provided the SB with the specific deeds she found in which the Town did not reserve any rights. Sheila also explained that her title insurer, Vermont Attorneys Title Corporation, would not

except a blanket quit claim that reserved any rights in the Town. Jared asked whether it may be best to revisit the SB's 2/5/2019 decision. Chuck moved to rescind the SB's decision of 2/5/2019 in which the Town voted to approve a blanket quit claim deed for lease lands that reserved subsurface rights to the Town. Mike seconded, no further discussion, all in favor and the motion carried. Pursuant to Act 152, unless a municipality votes to retain its perpetual lease lands by January 1, 2020, the lands will revert to the underlying lessee of record. The SB is comfortable signing off on individual quit claims until Act 152 takes effect on January 1, 2020. With regard to the Spector property, Chuck moved to approve the quit claim conveyance of lease lands as described by Sheila. Mike seconded, no further discussion, all in favor and the motion carried.

5. The SB signed excess weight permits for Allen Lumber, RK Miles, Demag Riggers & Crane Service, and Scott Brown Trucking.

6. The SB renewed and signed the liquor license for the Swanson Inn.

7. The SB re-appointed Bob Lockett as Forest Fire Warden.

8. Due to the extended period of time before the next SB meeting on 3/12/2019, the SB needs to authorize members to sign warrants between the period of 2/18/2019 and 3/11/2019. Jared moved to authorize Chuck to sign the warrants. Mike seconded, no further discussion, all in favor and the motion carried.

9. Don was present to discuss the Town of Fayston email database. The SB asked Don to be present at Town Meeting to discuss the database and answer any questions residents may have. See attached document from Don entitled "Town of Fayston Email Database/Process".

10. The SB read mail and signed orders of February 6, 2019 – February 18, 2019.

11. The SB wanted to thank Jon Shea for his 26 years of service on the Development Review Board and formerly the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Jon is stepping down as of April 1, 2019. Thank you Jon.

7:26 p.m. – Chuck made the motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. No further discussion. All in favor. The motion carried.

The next SB meeting is **March 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** at the municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted:

JB Weir

Approved: Jared Cadwell

