

**TOWN OF DERBY, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**Minutes
January 4, 2016**

Present: Brian Smith, Grant Spates, Perry Hunt, Beula Shattuck, Stephen Gendreau.

Others: Dave LaBelle, Joe Profera, Becky Miller, Brian Dubois, Maryann Tetreault, Willy Tetreault, Lawrence Burdick, Faye Morin, Evan Daigle, Paul Prue, Rod Lyon, Bob Kelley.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 6:30 P.M.

Warrants #26D in the amount of \$4,749.81 and #1A in the amount of \$13,548.55 were signed.

Brian added Derby Line Ambulance and Maryann Tetreault to the agenda. Also, Budget review was recessed to tonight from their January 2nd budget meeting.

Grant moved to approve the minutes of December 21, 2015, with Perry seconding. Unanimous.

Perry moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2016, with Beula seconding. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Prue asked about the Rublee appeal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liquor License – 6:36 pm Steve moved to go into a Liquor Board meeting to review an application by the Derby Village Store, with Grant seconding. Unanimous.

6:37 pm Steve moved to come out of the Liquor Board meeting, with Grant seconding. Unanimous.

Perry moved to approve the license for Derby Village Store, with Steve seconding. Unanimous.

Road Crew Addition – Will be part of Road Report.

Derby Line Ambulance – Becky Miller and Lawrence Burdick were present to answer questions from the board. Concerns about unpaid taxes were resolved. Only the bills paid with the Towns appropriation required 2 signatures, all other bills were paid from the ambulances checking account. According to Becky there is a fine and penalties that the Fletchers are responsible for, not the ambulance. All checks and balances for the money from the town appropriation have been done. The ambulance is in much better shape than they were a year ago. They are budgeting for dispatch services and feel that Newport will provide the service at the lowest cost. There is a meeting Wednesday night concerning dispatching in Newport.

Maryann Tetreault – Delinquent Taxes – The Cecil Mayo Jr property on Route 105 needs to be resolved. He owes over \$14,000 in taxes and penalties and the property is not worth that much and it cannot be built on. It would cost the Town over \$3,400 to take the property over and get it off the tax roll. The town has no use for the property. The property abuts Steve's land and he is willing to bid on it at the next tax sale just to get the taxes cleaned up. The next tax sale will be sometime in April or May.

Budget Review – Recessed from January 2, 2016 – The board reviewed the draft budget. It is down over \$34,000 from last year. Beula moved to approve a budget of \$2,431,887.28 to take to the voters, with Perry seconding. Unanimous.

OLD/OTHER BUSINESS:

Town Forest Logging – The town decided to go forward with logging a portion of the Town Forest and are looking to net about \$20,000 from it.

Dispatching Services – The board discussed dispatching. If the State starts charging for dispatching is it going to be expensive and there have been issues since they moved their operation to Williston. Newport City is proposing to take on the dispatching. Steve and Grant will try to go to the dispatch meeting in Newport on Wednesday at 5:00. If there is a straw poll

they will relay that the Town is on board if it is around \$20,000 total to dispatch for both Derby Line Fire and Ambulance. The board still needs more information.

ROAD REPORT:

Everything is going good; we are still waiting on the new truck. The Board decided to go into executive session to review the 6 or 7 applications for the road crew vacancy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:20 Grant moved to go into executive session for personnel issues, with Beula seconding. Unanimous.

Out of executive session at 7:30. Steve moved to hire Evan Daigle full time with a 90 day probationary period, with Perry seconding. Unanimous. Starting salary is \$13.90/hr and he must pass the required drug/alcohol screening.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm Monday, January 18th.

At 7:45 pm Beula moved to adjourn, with Grant seconding. Unanimous.

Submitted by Bob Kelley

Unofficial until approved