

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

**Minutes
March 28, 2016**

Present: Brian Smith, Perry Hunt, Beula Shattuck, Josh Provost.

Others: Mike Moseley, Lt Walter Smith, Kirk Martin, Phil Brooks, Mike Henry, Larry Whitney, Debbie Jerkins, Mckayla Whitney, Sue Best, Dee Lewis, Pamela Frohn, Alex Russell, Joseph Gresser, Robin Smith, Danny Hale, Cory Spaulding, Joe Profera, Bob Kelley.

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

Warrants #7A in the amount of \$15,379.46 and #7B in the amount of \$42,100.46 were signed.

Perry moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2016, with Beula seconding. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vermont Moto Cross Association – Rider Hill – The schedule for 2016 was presented to the board. Beula moved to approve the schedule with the condition that the association submits a Certificate of Insurance to the Town. Seconded by Perry. Unanimous.

Dailey Memorial Library – Dr. Moseley update on Library – The library is continuing with their expansion project and are in the process of applying for grants. The total estimated project cost is \$900,000 and they have raise over \$350,000 to date. They would like a letter of support from the Selectboard. The board agrees that the expansion is needed and will be an asset to the Town. The board asked if the library could draft a letter for them. Dr. Moseley said they dropped one off at the Town Clerk Office earlier. The board agreed to sign the letter of support.

VASA – Cory Spaulding – Town Forest – Illegal ATV use in the town forest and on town roads was discussed in great length. The town forest is getting destroyed. Representatives from VASA thought if the Town authorized VASA to set up trails in the area it would help curb irresponsible behavior. Currently ATVs are speeding down the roads so they can get off the road before they are caught and ticketed. If they are permitted on the road they would be more likely to go at a reasonable speed. The Town's current ATV policy allows the Town to permit ATV clubs to have trails in the Town. If the Town wishes to proceed with this the Town would have to determine where they want the trails to be and what roads they want to open up to ATV use. VASA would like to know as soon as possible so that they can get out there and clean up some of the mess that unauthorized riders have made before they officially open a trail. The board would like to think over their options and invited VASA to come back to them in 2 weeks for further discussion.

State Police – Lt Walter Smith – Walmart & State Police calls – This is to start the conversation on how Derby is going to handle the impacts of future development in the Town. He cited impacts on other communities when Walmart comes. The State Police is stretched thin as it is and Derby accounts for 1/3 of their time. They will not be responding to minor fender benders or retail theft. Derby cannot continue to rely on the State Police to be their sole police protection. The State Police serves 31 communities and Derby should not be draining all their resources. Call volume outside of Derby are increasing. The State Police would like to see Derby grow public safety as commercial activity grows. It was suggested to form a committee to look into how to deal with future growth and to get public input. Derby cannot ignore the impacts of growth and needs a plan in place. The board has heard conflicting things on the impact of having a Walmart in town. It is good to get this conversation started and the conversation needs to continue as we learn more about this impact.

Listers E 911 – Now that Tom Cyr has retired and new E-911 coordinator needs to be appointed. Listers Sue Best and Steve Cross have received training in the 911 program. The listers as a

whole will be handling 911 issues and a special stipend for the coordinator is no longer needed, but a specific contact person still needs to be named. Perry moved to appoint Sue Best as the new E-911 coordinator, with Josh seconding. Unanimous.

Excess Weight Permits – Amerigas, Dale Percy Co, New England Quality Services – Perry signed the permits.

Sign Liquor Licenses – Champlain Farms Exxon, Newport Country Club sign letter of Acknowledgement – At 7:52 pm Beula moved to go into a Liquor Board meeting to review the applications, with Perry seconding. Unanimous.

7:54 pm Perry moved to come out of the Liquor Board meeting, with Josh seconding. Unanimous.

The letter of Acknowledgement for Newport Country Club was signed and Josh moved to approve the license for Champlain Farms Exxon, with Perry seconding. Unanimous.

Pie Buffet – Pamela Frohn for Town Meeting – Pamela thought that a pie buffet might be a good way to get more people to attend town meeting. She would be willing to help organize it and it would not cost the Town anything. The board was in favor of the idea and suggested that she talk to the school since the meeting is held at the school.

OLD/OTHER BUSINESS:

Sheriff's Department – Kirk Martin and Phil Brooks discussed with the board the possibility of increasing the number of hours they patrol for the Town from 20 to 40 per week in anticipation of the impact Walmart may have. They intended to ask the board to increase the patrol hours this year, but the request came in after the Town budget was already set. The Sheriff's Dept can handle an increase of 20 – 30 additional hours with their current manpower. As the Walmart opening gets closer the Town will see how the budget is coming along and may be able to increase hours. Dispatching was discussed and the Sheriff's Dept is still looking into providing this service and may be coming back to the Town to discuss this more in a few months.

ROAD REPORT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Beula moved to go into executive session for personnel, with Josh seconding. Unanimous.

Out of executive session. The Town needs to advertise for a vacancy on the Road Crew.

Listers will get a 2% raise with an effect date of March 2nd.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **6:00 pm** Monday, April 11th.

***** Note: The Board changed the start time for all future meetings from 6:30 to 6:00 *****

At 9:20 pm Josh moved to adjourn, with Perry seconding. Unanimous.

Submitted by Bob Kelley

Unofficial until approved