

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

**Minutes  
April 11, 2016**

**Present:** Brian Smith, Perry Hunt, Grant Spates, Josh Provost.

**Others:** Nathan Lackey, Denny Donovan, Jesse Hinton, Beth Barnes, Rod Lyon, Colin Carter, Becky Jacobs, John Gobeil, Cory Spaulding, Joe Profera, Bob Kelley.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.**

Warrants #8A in the amount of \$14,407.50 and #8B in the amount of \$63,696.54 were signed.

Perry moved to approve the minutes of March 28, 2016, with Josh seconding. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Memorial – Colin Carter** – Mr. Carter wants to spearhead a project to erect a monument to honor Derby Civil War Veteran Willy Johnson. Willy is the youngest person to ever receive the Metal of Honor. He enlisted at age 11 and received the metal at age 13. It is believed that he lived in the area of the Town Forest. The Selectboard was all in favor and suggested that our Veterans Park might be a good location.

**VASA – Cory Spaulding – Town Forest** – After thinking on it for the last 2 weeks the Selectboard took a straw poll and were in favor of allowing VASA to have an ATV trail thru the town forest and along a portion of Bushey Hill Road. The Town's ATV Ordinance requires VASA to get the property owner/resident's permission to operate a trail within 50 yards of a year round residence. VASA will have to get Nedobity's permission as their house is with the 50 yards.

**North Country Hospital – Beth Barnes** – Ms. Barnes is promoting pedestrian safety and has come up with a program to make children more aware of the need to look left, right and left before crossing a road. She has made a stencil for painting this on the sidewalk at strategic locations. There will be no cost to the Town. The Town was all in favor of this and told her to coordinate it with the road foreman. She will also need to talk to the trustees of both villages.

**Auditor Position** – Jennifer Powers has submitted a letter of interest in the position. Grant moved to appoint Jennifer Powers as Auditor for 1 year, with Perry seconding. Unanimous.

**Bids for Sand & Gravel & Equipment** – The bids were open and Bob will put them in a spreadsheet for the board to review at their next meeting.

**Excess Weight Permits – Calkins, Curtis Lumber, Gould Well Drilling Inc, Harrison Redi-Mix, Kelley View Farms Inc.** – Perry signed the permits.

**Liquor Licenses – Bliss Rite Pizza Company Inc, Derby Cow Palace Inc, Derby Line Village Inn** – At 6:52 pm Grant moved to go into a Liquor Board meeting to review the applications, with Josh seconding. Unanimous.

6:53 pm Perry moved to come out of the Liquor Board meeting, with Grant seconding. Unanimous.

Josh moved to approve the above licenses, with Grant seconding. Unanimous.

**First Constable** – Matt Sheltra has submitted a letter of interest in the position. He has also submitted a letter resigning as 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable if he is appointed as 1<sup>st</sup> Constable. The board has been very happy with everything he has done as 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable. Perry moved to appoint Matt Sheltra as 1<sup>st</sup> Constable, with Josh seconding. Unanimous.

Grant move to accept Matt's resignation as 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable, with Perry seconding. Unanimous.

**Personnel – Probation Period** – Evan Daigle has completed his probation period.

**OLD/OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**ROAD REPORT:**

Paving for this year includes; Dumas Road aprons, Holland Road, Bridge Street, Shattuck Hill Road, Ridge Hill apron, North Derby Road. Perry signed the contract with Pike.

A culvert needs to be replaced on Holland Road before it is paved.

Truck #1 is back in service.

Sale of the grader was discussed. We need to find out what it is worth before we sell it.

Newport City will be removing concrete from the roadway in front of the Walmart entrance and would like to do the work during the night. This would allow them to close the road and detour traffic to Shattuck Hill Road. The Town does not have a problem with the detour. Newport will have to coordinate the closure with the State and emergency services.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

Out of executive session. Perry will interview the candidates for the opening on the road crew.

In order to attract new personnel the board felt they had to bring up the starting wage to \$15.50 per hour. This increase was approved by the board and will bring the wages of 3 current road crew members up to the \$15.50/hr minimum. New job descriptions will be drafted and employees reviewed and evaluated based on the new job descriptions.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

At 8:02 pm Josh moved to adjourn, with Perry seconding. Unanimous.

Submitted by Bob Kelley

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