

TOWN OF SWANTON
MINUTES
SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING
Swanton Town Office Building
1 Academy Street, Swanton, VT 05488
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

Present: John Lavoie, Selectboard Chair; Dick Thompson, Joel Clark, and Kathy Lavoie, Selectmen; David Jescavage, Town Administrator; Yaasha Wheeler, Secretary.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lavoie called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

2. Discussion OF General Town Needs

Mr. Thompson stated that he and Mr. Garrett had met with H.D. Campbell regarding the camera/equipment trailer that Mr. Adrian Hellman had requested to place on Mr. Campbell's land, in order to study the responses to the new Lakewood Drive railroad crossing. Mr. Campbell said that he was fine with the trailer being located anywhere, and asked who would weed-whack. When Mr. Thompson said that the part-time town employee could weed-whack, Mr. Campbell said that he did not want anyone on tax dollars to do the work and said that he would do it himself, but wanted the area returned to its original condition after the study. They discussed locations and Mr. Garrett agreed to ask Mr. Hellman to indicate his preferred location.

Mr. Thompson added that Mr. Campbell had shown interest in the Fourth Street property that the Town hoped to sell. Mr. Thompson had informed Mr. Campbell of the potential ownership issue, which might decrease the lot size to about $\frac{3}{4}$ acre; the town and interested parties awaited the results of a survey by engineer Michael Gervais on behalf of Danny L'Esperance. Mr. Campbell expressed interest in developing the property, and Mr. Thompson explained that, as the developer, he would be eligible for Phase 3 of the Brownfield study (clean-up), which would be paid for entirely by the Regional Planning Commission. He had added that there was a lot of asbestos in the old building. Mr. Lavoie noted that a demolition plan would need to be recorded with the federal government because of the asbestos issue. The Selectboard discussed asbestos, bonding the contractor, and pricing the land, which Mr. Thompson had originally priced at \$250,000 for 1.1 acres.

Mr. Lavoie asked Mr. Jescavage to remind Mr. Fosgate that his note was coming due on September 30, 2014.

The Selectboard edited the second letter to the paper regarding the Highgate arena project. Mr. Lavoie asked Mr. Jescavage to create bullets for him remember when facilitating the informational meeting on May 6th. The Selectboard also put together talking points for alternative plans for the arena.

Mr. Jescavage stated that the Town Garage plan was changing from copper to aluminum feeders, at an estimated savings of \$400 to \$500, plus \$580 in savings for the change from three-phase power to single-phase. Mr. Lavoie asked Mr. Jescavage to check into the savings, since he felt that the switch from copper to aluminum should result in greater savings.

Mr. Jescavage presented the estimate from Knight Consulting (\$2351). Mr. Thompson made a motion to authorize Mr. Jescavage as the Selectboard representative to sign with Knight Consulting for testing. Mr. Clark seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Clark advised that the number was an estimate, since more testing would incur more cost.

Mr. Jescavage said that he would like to take 2 days comp time and 2 days vacation in the following week. The Selectboard agreed, so long as he put together the slides for the

informational meeting ahead of time. The Selectboard discussed what needed to be included in the slideshow, and how the meeting should be conducted.

3. Executive Session – None needed.

4. Adjournment

Mr. Clark made a motion, seconded by Kathy Lavoie, to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Typed on April 23, 2013
Minutes by Yaasha Wheeler
Received and filed by:

Cathy Fournier, Swanton Town Clerk

Date