



**SELECTBOARD
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 16, 2016**

PRESENT : Patty McGrath
Chris Bianchi
Ken Lee

ALSO

PRESENT: Debby Schwartz, Town of Killington (the “Town”) Manager (the “Manager”);

PUBLIC

PRESENT: Curt Peterson (Vermont Standard), Jim Haff, Lola Duffort (Rutland Herald)

- AGENDA:**
1. Call to Order
 2. Approval of Agenda
 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2016
 4. Selectboard Member Concerns
 5. Citizen Input
 6. July 2016 Financial Reports
 7. Financial Updates
 - FEMA - Revine Road Appeal Status
 - Outstanding Debt Review
 8. Manager’s Report
 9. Board of Liquor Control
 10. Executive Session, if necessary
 11. Adjourn

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairwoman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, the Agenda was unanimously APPROVED.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2016

A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the Minutes of August 2, 2016, upon vote of #7 "JUNE 2016 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND YEAR-END CLOSE-OUT".

The Chairwoman also made an amendment to the spelling of Ms. Molalley's name.

A renewal of the motion made by the Chairwoman to accept the Manager's June 2016 Financial Reports and Year-End Close-Out Report was unanimously APPROVED.

The motions to approve the amended minutes of August 2, 2016 were unanimously APPROVED.

4. SELECTBOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

None.

5. CITIZENS INPUT

None.

6. JULY 2016 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Manager pointed out that thanks to the camps, Recreation was doing very well, having received over 45% of their budgeted revenues in July. She stated the campers average number has increased from 8-10 campers last year to upwards of 30.

The Selectboard discussed changes to the formatting of the report. The Manager responded that she would present an updated format of July's reports at the September 6 Selectboard meeting.

The Manager stated for July, some deposits of note in the Treasurer's Report include almost \$21,100 in the State Quarterly Highway Aid Money, and almost \$20,000 in the municipal portion of property tax adjustments.

The Manager also stated that the format of the Restricted Funds report has been changed to segregate the golf course from the Town's other restricted funds accounts. She also advised that some budget numbers have not been added to all the capital accounts so there are negative balances in a couple of the highway funds which will go away once the budget numbers are entered, to be completed no later than the August report.

A motion by the Chairwoman to accept the Treasurer's Report and a motion to accept the July 2016 Financials Report was unanimously APPROVED.

7. FINANCIAL UPDATES

FEMA - Ravine Road Appeal Status:

The Manager reported that on June 4th, the Town submitted an appeal back to the State on FEMA's Ravine Road determination. On August 2nd, the State submitted their response to the Town's appeal to FEMA. In their submission, the State commented that the appeal was "...a productive exercise and a project well worth appealing." The Town's appeal includes a request to be reimbursed on the entire cost of the bridge. There are also almost \$37,000 in errors and omissions which have been identified for additional reimbursement. The Manager stated that if the Town were to receive all of the additional monies requested for this project, it would be almost another \$232,000. She added that the Town hasn't received any determination from FEMA on the Stage Road project which is almost \$309,100, noting that the outstanding requested reimbursements total slightly over \$540,000.

Outstanding Debt Review:

The Chairwoman stated that several years ago, the Town had budgeted almost \$600,000 in revenues to be received from FEMA reimbursement due to Hurricane Irene, which took three full year cycles to receive. She noted that the outstanding money is actually on top of that; that the Town has not put that into the budget as revenue and therefore, that the Town is not depending on that as part of their budget cycle at this point. She added that the Town is hopeful that it can get the money to help whittle down the cash shortfall.

The Chairwoman also stated that Debby, Lucretia, Mona, and she had a meeting with Peoples Bank to review the Town's finances. One of the questions that came up was finally settling out anything that the Town is due for Hurricane Irene. The Chairwoman stated that the numbers for her calculation came from the Town's Reports from 2011 - 2014 and then the final 2015 - 2016. She added that that the total expenses incurred due to Hurricane Irene were approximately \$3.2 million, and that FEMA's reimbursements to date were \$2,428,000 which leaves the Town with a shortfall of approximately \$776,000.

The Chairwoman reported that she has also been tracking the Town's net cash value since 2011, adding that in 2013, the Town realized that there was a \$996,000 cash shortfall between what the Town had in the bank and what the Town owed, and that according to the numbers, the Town actually has been whittling down that shortfall down.

The Manager added that the Town's \$900,000 operating note is due September 1st. She also stated that the Town received in over \$477,000 in one day's receipts for the first installment of tax payments. The Manager reported that she reached out to the bank to ask if there's any prepayment penalty and will work with Lucretia to see if the Town can pay off the note sooner and reduce the interest expense,

The Manager reported that as of today, delinquent taxes for 2015, including interest and penalty, is \$391,394 so it is dwindling down. The Manager also stated that she has not yet sent out the Delinquent Tax notice statements at this time because she is working with NEMRC on the correct verbiage that has been recommended by counsel. She added that she has had an opportunity this week to meet with about a half dozen people to clarify their taxes and that she felt the exchanges have been positive.

The Selectboard also discussed distinguishing between prior vs. present year taxes in the financial reports.

8. MANAGERS REPORT

The Manager reported that there was enough interest for Kim to conduct the second lifesaving class and that Kim is planning to close the pool on September 6th. The Manager also stated that the Killington Connects golf course walk will be tomorrow morning. She also noted that the Vermont League of Cities and Towns will be hosting a golf outing at the Green Mountain National Golf Course on the 24th starting at 9 a.m. She added that the Vermont League of Cities and Towns is having their 2016 Town Fair, their annual meeting and gathering, in Essex Junction October 5th and 6th, and asked if any of the Selectboard members want to go to let her know. She explained that the Town needs to designate a Voting Delegate by Friday, September 23.

A motion to nominate the Town Manager as the Voting Delegate for the Town at the 2016 VLCT Town Fair was unanimously APPROVED.

Mr. Lee made a motion to warn a Special Meeting on August 24th at 9 A.M. for the VLCT golf outing. Mr. Bianchi noted that because it was not a regular meeting it had to be posted in 3 places. (NOTE: The Selectboard did not vote on the motion.)

9. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

None.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY

None.

11. ADJOURN

On motion by Mr. Lee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.