

**TOWN OF WILLISTON
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 17, 2018**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Macaig (Chair); Jeff Fehrs, Joy Limoge, Ted Kenney, Theresa Zittritsch.

ADMINISTRATION: Rick McGuire, Town Manager; Erik Wells, Assistant to the Town Manager; Jennifer Kennelly, Finance Manager; Melinda Scott, Conservation Planner; James Sherrard, Stormwater Coordinator.

OTHERS PRESENT: Reed Carr, Alan Barr, Kate Wanner, Patrice Maloney, Chapin Kaynor, Kort Longenbach, Liz Royer, Jay Petrillo, Jim Fay, Terry Marron, David and Kathy Deluca, Stephen Page, Jason Starr (Williston Observer), Scott Moody (Channel 17).

1. Call to Order

Selectboard Chair, Terry Macaig, called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

2. Minutes

April 3, 2018

MOTION by Joy Limoge, SECOND by Theresa Zittritsch, to approve the minutes of April 3, 2018 with the following correction(s)/clarification(s):

- **Page 1, Catamount License Agreement, 1st sentence – delete the second incidence of “license agreement” and in the 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence – change “activity” to “allowed activities”.**
- **Page 2, Keeping of Chickens Regulation, 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence – delete “residential district” and change “chickens” to “hens”.**
- **Page 2, Sewer Allocation Ordinance, 1st sentence – insert “proposed” before “Attachment A” and delete the last two sentences in the first paragraph.**

VOTING: unanimous (5-0); motion carried.

3. Public Comment – General Issues

None.

4. Interviews/Appointments

Conservation Commission

The Selectboard interviewed Reed Carr for a position on the Conservation Commission. Mr. Carr mentioned his education in Environmental Science and his long standing interest in conservation and the desire to help the town.

MOTION by Theresa Zittritsch, SECOND by Jeff Fehrs, to appoint Reed Carr to the Conservation Commission to fill an unexpired four year term through June 30, 2020.

DISCUSSION:

- **There was discussion of the four excellent candidates who were interviewed for the position and the need to find other opportunities in the town for the three individuals not appointed.**

VOTING: unanimous (5-0); motion carried.

5. Champlain Water District Update (CWD)

Jim Fay, CWD, and Liz Royer, Williston representative on the CWD Board of Directors, reported water sales are level and the wholesale water rate for FY2018-2019 will show a 3.1% increase. Capital projects for CWD include studying 54 miles of transmission mains, removing the tank on Tower Lane, adding a million gallon tank at the CWD site in South Burlington, adding a cross tie to the high service mains in South Burlington, and lowering the water pipe at the double diamond crossover at Exit 16 in Colchester. The Selectboard received a copy of the Consumer Confidence Report (water quality report) and a stat sheet on CWD.

6. Catamount License Agreement

Melinda Scott, Conservation Planner, and Kate Wanner, Trust for Public Land, reviewed changes to the Catamount License Agreement in Section 23 (termination) and Section 12 (town reserved rights), noting the other parties have agreed to the changes. Theresa Zittritsch mentioned the lack of participation by the Selectboard in the process of crafting the agreement and the town not having an equal say in what is done on the property. Kate Wanner provided meeting minutes and notes where the partnership with the town and the license agreement were discussed, noting the project attracted federal money and national foundations because it is a recreational asset. All issues will be discussed with the Selectboard in May.

Ted Kenney and Joy Limoge said feedback from residents has been received about the town exercising ownership power if the town owns the land and the town having final say on the property. Melinda Scott said the study committee had thoughtful discussion on integration of multiple uses on the property, but does not at this point have a specific plan.

The Selectboard will further discuss the license agreement at the next meeting.

COMMENTS

Patrice Maloney, Riverhill Farm, pointed out the town has measures to protect the forested areas on the property should any development occur and the Conservation Commission can identify and prioritize areas to be protected so the area will be conserved. Ms. Maloney asked how the purchase price was determined and what is entailed with stewardship of the land, noting the Selectboard is charged with using taxpayer dollars wisely. More town-wide discussion is needed on what the townspeople will be getting with the license agreement.

The manager of Catamount Outdoor Center urged the Selectboard to focus on the goal of a partnership with town and what is trying to be accomplished.

7. Stormwater Loan Policy Amendment

Erik Wells explained the amendment to the loan policy that will allow funds to be moved from the storm water account to an escrow account so homeowner's associations can meet the Town's bylaw requirement for setting aside an escrow account for new construction. If the money is not used it will be returned to the storm water account.

MOTION by Joy Limoge, SECOND by Ted Kenney, to amend the Stormwater Loan Policy as presented. VOTING: unanimous (5-0); motion carried.

8. Stormwater Program Update

James Sherrard, Stormwater Coordinator, reported the town has obtained \$850,000 in grants to date to help facilitate \$1.6 million in storm water projects including \$610,000 for the Allen Brook Flow Restoration Plan which covers residential, schools, and commercial projects. The Stormwater Fund will be able to handle all the necessary loans to neighborhoods. Per information from the state, the Mahan Farm property is not permit-able and the town field behind Town Hall potentially can be permitted. Southridge development has a storm water loan for their project. The pond at Meadow Run is not permit-able and will not be implemented at this time.

9. Town Manager's Report

Rick McGuire reported:

- The quarterly report will be available at the next Selectboard meeting.
- Finance Report shows the budget is overall on target.
- The town is pursuing legal action against the property owner responsible for an estimated 9.2 million-gallon water loss due to negligence.
- Winooski Valley Park District is interested in further discussing the funding formula and moving forward with the Jacobs property.
- The gun club provided the information requested by the town. Town staff is analyzing the information.

10. Other Business

- Jeff Fehrs mentioned the letter from John Zaony regarding private heliports (planning staff is reviewing the matter) and that the letter from Kim Coleman was helpful.
- Joy Limoge urged finding space for the annual book sale at the 4th of July festivities.

11. Adjournment

With no further business and without objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.