

DRAFT

North Hero Selectboard
Monday, March 15, 2010
Board Meeting/Town Office..... 5:30 P.M.

In Attendance: Selectboard: Robert Rousseau, Andre Quintin, Jim Martin and Marie Kilbride
Note: Eileen Mitchell – absent
Board Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Pete Johnson
Zoning Administrator: David Jacobs
Public Works.. not in attendance

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Selectboard Member, Robert Rousseau

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Election of Chair

Marie Kilbride nominated Robert Rousseau for Chair of the Board. This motion was seconded by Jim Martin... hearing no other nominations – Robert Rousseau was elected Chair of the North Hero Selectboard

Board Clerk Note: Clerk of the Board (optional)

Robert Rousseau made a motion that Jo-Ann Tier continue on as Board Clerk. this motion was seconded by Jim Martin... hearing no further discussion – motion was carried.

Setting of date and time for meetings

Jim Martin made a motion that the Board continue with meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. This motion was seconded by Andre Quintin.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried. At this time the Board agreed to go back to the starting time of 7:00 P.M. starting with the April 19th meeting.

Motion to continue with current policies and ordinances

Jim Martin made a motion to continue with the current policies and ordinances that are in place for the Town of North Hero. This motion was seconded by Andre Quintin.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

Necessary and/or Urgent Payments

Andre Quintin made a motion that the Chair, Robert Rousseau, sign the necessary and/or urgent warrants for payment on behalf of the Board. This motion was seconded by Jim Martin.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Warrant and invoices were circulated for the Board to review in the amount of \$29,209.79. Said warrant was signed by: Robert Rousseau, Andre Quintin, Jim Martin and Marie Kilbride.

ADJUST OF AGENDA

No adjustment at this time of the meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES... for March 01, 2010

Discussion... Page 2... Under Public Works... Grant Programs – Vtrans Operations, Dist # 8 the meeting with Jim Smith was Wednesday and not Tuesday.

Page 2.. Under beaver issues... Kevin was to investigate how much it would cost to have someone trap the beavers and report this information back to the Selectboard.

Andre Quintin made a motion that these minutes be accepted with noted corrections.

This motion was seconded by Robert Rousseau.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 3-0.

Note: Jim Martin was absent at the March 01, 2010 meeting and Eileen Mitchell not in attendance at this meeting.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Jacobs stated that he was in attendance to listen and answer any questions that needed answering in reference to Zoning.

Butler Island:

Question was asked about the status of Butler Island..

David shared that more will be following soon, and that --

- Butler Island is difficult to sub-divide
- Wet lands, density reserve, etc., are being reviewed

By-laws are in the process of being reviewed and completed and in hopes by the end of May that a Public Hearing will be scheduled to be held... approval will be by the Board of Select.

Bill H.323

Question was asked if any more information on Bill H 323 has been received.

Ans. no, not at this time...

A short discussion took place.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

Water Board (3)

Andre Quintin made a motion that the following be appointed to the Water Board: Jay O'Boyle, Rob Cunningham and Frank Dattalio. This motion was seconded by Jim Martin.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

DRB (2)

Andre Quintin made a motion that the following be appointed to the DRB:

Alison Rogers and Bobby Miller... this motion was seconded by Jim Martin...

Hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

Fire Warden

Andre Quintin made a motion to appoint Todd Keyworth as Fire Warden. This motion was seconded by Jim Martin.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

Animal Control Officer

Andre Quintin made a motion to appoint Doug Ward as Animal Control Officer. This motion was seconded by Jim Martin.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

Health Officer

Jim Martin made a motion that Marie Kilbride be appointed as Health Officer. This motion was seconded by Andre Quintin.. hearing no further discussion... this motion was carried.

Town Service Officer

Jim Martin made a motion that Anne and Louis Dorwaldt be appointed the Town Service Officers for the period April 15, 2010, through April 14, 2011 in North Hero. This motion was seconded by Andre Quintin... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

Note: Paperwork signed by Robert Rousseau, Marie Kilbride and Jim Martin and was mailed out on March 17th to Afsar Sultana – Department for Children and Families Economic Services Division 103 South Main Street Waterbury, Vermont 05671 with a copy given to the North Hero Town Clerk.

Emergency Management

Andre Quintin made a motion that Jim Benson be appointed Emergency Management.. This motion was seconded by Jim Martin.. hearing no further discussion... this motion was carried.

Tree Warden

Andre Quintin made a motion that Bob Greenough be appointed as Tree Warden. This motion was seconded by Jim Martin.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

REPORTS

Pubic Works

Update on Pelots

Jim explained that it is necessary to have a survey done.

Jim Smith is not a license surveyor.

This survey has to be done for a land transaction.

Jim Martin is working on getting a quote to have this survey done and he will share the results with the Board.

Grant Program... application due March 26, 2010

Jim Martin is working completing the paperwork for this grant. Jim commented that this is more of a financial plant rather that a grant.

Friday - March 19

Kevin will be working with the Recreation Committee – cleaning up at Pelots Point on Friday, March 19th. (Pelots Recreation area)

Cost for storage trailer... Andre Quintin

Andre reported on a price of \$2,250.00 (they would be coming from Derby, Vermont)
Board agreed to “sit on this” until fall and review budget monies..
This expenditure was not planned for when the budget was put together.

Abnaki Road

Question... putting in a waterline.... Having a policy in place on not digging in the road during the mud season unless it is an emergency repair was suggested

Inventory

Question was asked if a communication had been sent to the various boards/trustees in the Town of North Hero asking if they are interested in any of the items in the trailer.

Ans. no

Note: a memo was mailed out on March 18th to the following: North Hero Library Trustees, Recreation Committee, Water Board and the Listers.

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Draft policy for delinquent taxes

Pete shared that he is currently working on this draft and will have it available for Board review in April.

Great Ice

Pete thought Ruth Wallman was planning to attend this meeting to give the Board some feedback.

It was noted that THE ISLANDER did reference where donations were going.

Delinquent Taxes

Update... down \$24,000.00 from the last reporting. Pete will continue to update Board.

March vote with approval/disapproval For the Various Organizations

Discussion... policy was referred to.

Note: Pete Johnson will send a letter to the organizations informing the organizations of approval and/or disapproval by the voters at the March vote. The North Hero policy will be referenced in this letter..-i.e. time for payment, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

Selectmen Responsibilities

Responsibilities for each Board member was reviewed with changes made.

A draft will be prepared and reviewed by the Board for adoption at the April 5th meeting.
Note: Eileen Mitchell was absent from this meeting..

Ancient Roads

Pubic Hearing is scheduled for April 5, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. Copy of the Public Hearing notice has been mailed to the individuals that Attorney Gillies suggested.
Notice should be appearing in THE ISLANDER .. issue Tuesday, March 16th.
Notice is on the town web page and posted in 5 sites.

Census 2010

Census material was reviewed with Marie Kilbride.
Note: information was taken home by Robert Rousseau for him to further review...

Preparation for Pay Rate Discussions with Employees and Town Officers

Discussion...

It was noted with the Listers... their budget will be used to communicate their salaries.

Board agreed that this is usually discussed in June. Board asked that this item appear on their June agenda for discussion

CORRESPONDENCE FOR SHARING.. DISCUSSION/ACTION

County Tax Assessment

Letter from Theresa Blow, County Treasurer – Grand Isle County was reviewed by the Board.

Grand List: 3,223,74.00 Rate: 0.02126998% Tax: 68,569.00

Due Date: July 5th, 2010.

Note: a proposed budget is received by the Town of North Hero each January with a final budget figure in March. Our portion this year went up \$3,000.00 which is not in the current adopted budget.

Letter received is attached to the minutes.

Auditors Resignation (Anthony Lovi)

Andre Quintin made a motion to accept the resignation of Anthony Lovi.
This motion was seconded by Jim Martin.. hearing no further discussion..
this motion was carried.

Constables Association Membership

Information received will be forwarded to Jim Benson at the request of the Board.

It was noted that Jim Benson was elected First Constable 9 votes (write-in).

Board would like to meet with Jim to review expectations by the Board.

Robert Rousseau will invite Jim to the April 5th Board Meeting.

Note: Membership information taken to Jim Benson, March 18th by Robert Rousseau

Board will review the VLCT Selectboard Handbook .. pages 116/117 before the next meeting.

Google Fiber For Communities Project

E.mail from Ruth Wallman re: The Town of “Vermontville” endorses Vermont’s application to be considered as a trial community for Google’s “Fiber For Communities” project.

Discussion..

Board agreed that a letter is to be sent by the Chair referencing.... “please provide more detailed information prior to implementation of this project”.

Note: Letter mailed out to Vermont Telecommunications Authority on March 18th by

Chair, Robert Rousseau.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR SHARING.. INFORMATION

Acquisition of Development Rights

Board acknowledge receipt of the letter dated: March 05,2010 from Sylvia P. Jenson
Land Use Director . Farmlands for the Future re: Acquisition of Development Rights –
Andre Quintin...

Note: letter filed .. correspondence Quintin, Andre

Requesting an interior site visit

Board acknowledge the copy of the letter sent to the Town of North Hero Listers from
Joe and Bev Poquette which does request an interior site visit of some of their
properties because several of the mobile homes have recently sustained damage.

Note: copy of this letter filed in the listers' folder.

Brochures

Available for Board reading...

- Vermont League of Cities and Towns.. Selectboard Institute.. Saturday
March 27, 2010.. Lake More Resort
- C.I.D.E.R Press... March 2010
- NMC Insights March-April 2010

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session not needed at this meeting.

AGENDA BUILDING

April 5th Board Discussion/Action - responsibilities of First Constable
Unfinished Business - Draft review for Selectmen Responsibilities.. for approval
Public Works... update – beaver issue
... update Pelots Point
... update grant due for submission – March 26th

June (agenda) Preparation for Pay Rate Discussions with employees and Town Officers

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 P.M. This motion was
carried by Andre Quintin.. hearing no further discussion ... this motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo-Ann Tier

C: Selectboard
Web Site
Town Clerk/Treasurer