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KIRBY SELECTBOARD'S MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2017

The Selectboard met at the Kirby Town Clerk's Office on January 2, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steven Baker at 6:10 p.m.

Those present were: Selectpersons Rebecca Hill-Larsen, Steven Baker and David Chase

Lister Robert Van Vliet
Assistant Town Clerk Marla Waring
Secretary Wanda Grant

Agendas to the agenda:

- Someone to run the Transfer Station while Paul Surridge will be out with knee surgery and recovery. Wanda will check with Edward DeMaio to see if he would be interested.
- Homestead Declarations. To be discussed later.

The Board discussed a bill from Timothy Peters for gravel placed on Shirley Lane. Mr. Peters had attended the Board's meeting last April and had asked the Board to pay for half the amount of 4 loads of gravel to be placed on the lower section of Shirley Lane. This would make it easier for his contractor Gingue Construction to reach the upper section of Shirley Lane which he and the other residents living on the road are having rebuilt (they are paying for this section). At that meeting the Board agreed to pay half the amount of the 4 loads for the lower section. However, when Mr. Peters received the bill from Gingue Construction, Mr. Gingue did not separate the two amounts for the two sections. Rebecca Hill-Larsen made the motion to pay \$450.00 (half the estimated amount of \$915) to Mr. Peters. Seconded by David Chase. So voted.

Wanda informed the Board that Mark Bertolini is not willing to continue to serve as the Town's representative to Lyndon Rescue, Inc. Mark stated that he is too busy at this time. The Board will continue to look for someone to fill this position.

Lister Robert Van Vliet stated that the Listers had been contacted by Hazard Mitigation Planning Consultant Jamie Caplan for information. He stated that she is being paid to compile the plan for the Town and so she should gather the information herself. Rebecca Hill-Larsen stated that she will contact Jamie Caplan to see if how important this information is and if she can get it through another source.

Robert Van Vliet also stated that he had talked to someone at NVDA and they stated that the Town already had a Hazard Mitigation Plan compiled by NVDA some years ago. He asked why the Town did not just update and readopt this plan. Both Rebecca Hill-Larsen and Wanda Grant stated that they had talked to

NVDA earlier and it was determined that the Town never adopted the plan compiled by NVDA.

Robert Van Vliet also stated that there were 7 residents that did not file their Homestead Declarations for 2016. He also stated that 3 of these residents have children in school and felt it was not right for the Town to be paying for these students since their parents did not file their Homestead Declarations and thus paid the non-residential tax rate which was lower. It was noted that part of the school voucher system's proof of residency included whether parents filed their Homestead Declarations. The Board suggested that Mr. Van Vliet inform the School Directors of this problem.

The Board worked on the 2017 Town, Cemetery, and Highway budgets. The total Town budget was set at \$114,441.34, the Cemetery total budget at \$3,000.00, and the total Highway budget at \$293,200.00 for a grand total of \$410,641.34. Revenues to be received were estimated at \$156,508.78 leaving the amount to be raised by taxes at \$254,132.56. The estimated tax rate would be \$.4334 to raise this amount (up from 2016 tax rate of \$.4067 or 6.5%).

The Board added two additional articles to the warning - one requesting authorization to purchase a new Town truck and the other article requesting authorization for the Board to enter into a contract with CALEX.

The Board worked on the Town and Highway's inventory. The Town inventory did not change while the Highway inventory was lowered due to depreciation on Town Truck.

The next regular Selectboard Meeting will be February 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Rebecca Hill-Larsen made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by David Chase. So voted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda L. Grant, Secretary