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## KIRBY SELECTBOARD'S MEETING

MARCH 6, 2017

The Selectboard met at the Kirby Town Clerk's Office on March 6, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steven Baker at 6:00 p.m.

Those present were: Selectpersons Rebecca Hill-Larsen, Steven Baker and  
David Chase  
Road Foreman John Ohina  
Secretary/Clerk Wanda Grant

Additions to the agenda – Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) concerning collection of food scraps as of July 1, 2017. Rebecca Hill-Larsen stated that Paul Tomasi, director of NEKWMD, informed her that the District has everything available for the collection of food scraps - 48-gallon containers and sawdust to cover them. The fee for the containers would be \$12.50 per container. It was estimated that the Town might use 1 to 2 containers per week for an annual cost of \$650-\$1,300. The Town could also look into having a chicken farmer take the scraps. Another option is to try to get an exemption and use the District facilities. However, the District will keep track of how many people use their facility and will charge the Town for that use. It was decided to bring this up at Town Meeting and try to get an idea what the residents would like to do.

Rebecca Hill-Larsen made the motion to accept the minutes of Selectboard's Meetings for February 6, 2017 as written. Seconded by David Chase. So voted.

### Road Report –

- Road Foreman John Ohina stated that everything was going good.
- Steven Baker stated Calkins has a new product called Stay Crush (which is half stamatt and half gravel) for \$10 a yard. This compares to rock at \$14 per yard and stamatt at \$12 to \$13 per yard. He feels that the Town should try this on some problems areas. It was decided to use 50 yards of this gravel on a section of Kirby Mountain Road (from triangle to base of mountain) to see how it works and how long it lasts. This Kirby Mountain Road project would also include ditching and maybe a couple of culverts. It was decided that Rebecca Hill-Larsen will look into whether this project might meet the criteria for a Better Road Grant.
- John Ohina stated that Jim Shufelt has been driving his truck on the Town's road without an overload permit. The Board asked Wanda to call Mr. Shufelt to inform him that he needs an overload permit.
- John Ohina asked the Board if they would increase the hourly amount for road help. John suggested raising the amount from the present \$15.00 per hour up to \$20.00 per hour depending on experience. The Board agreed to this and left the amount (not to exceed \$20.00 per hour) up to John's discretion.
- There was discussion of purchasing a grizzly. Steven Baker and John Ohina will continue to look into this.

The Board reviewed the February budget and signed Highway and Town orders or bills.

The Board reviewed information concerning the purchase of a new truck, keeping the old truck, and how to finance. The following was discussed:

- Quotes were received from Charlebois (\$187,400.42 – truck, body, sander & plow) and Patriot (\$121,000.00 – just truck. Would be another \$63,300.00 for body, sander & plow.)
- Feels Western Star with a Detroit engine is the best. Lots of towns are using them. Has more power and better design.
- Would outfit with Everest body and sander as Tenco parts are hard to get. Would be a different type of sander and would be a side-dump body.
- Charlebois would allow warranty work to be done at Lyndon Truck Center. They are willing to order now so Town could have earlier (July or August compared to October or November). Town would not be obligated to purchase (and would not be charge anything) if decides not to – would just sell to someone else.
- Feels automatic transmission would be best as trade-in value is higher.
- Trade-in value of old truck is \$36,000.
- Feels should keep old truck for emergency use (if new truck in shop) or to help get the roads sanded sooner during a bad ice storm.
- Feels should use \$150,000 from equipment fund and finance the rest. Interest rates range from 2% to 2.5%. This would amount to an increase in taxes of approximately \$14 per \$100,000 of assessment.

The Board will try to set up a meeting with Shauna Clifford, Agency of Transportation, to set up their 2017 highway budget, discuss highway problem, and grants available sometime the week of March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Road Commissioner David Chase signed overload permits for Bourne's Energy, Whitcomb Trucking, Gil's Construction, and Gould Well Drilling with the condition to stay off the roads when soft anytime of the year.

A letter was noted from Brian and Gisele Burrington asking that their names be removed from any further mailings to "interested persons" concerning the reclassification of Apple Tree Lane and Lynhill Road.

Chairman Steven Baker signed the Town's annual Stray Dog Contract with Riverside Boarding and Grooming.

The Board discussed the appointment of a representative to Lyndon Rescue and decided to bring it up at Town Meeting to see if anyone is interested in the position.

The next regular Selectboard Meeting will be April 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda L. Grant, Secretary