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KIRBY SELECTBOARD'S MEETING

JULY 10, 2017

The Selectboard met at the Kirby Town Hall on July 10, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rebecca Hill-Larsen at 7:17 p.m.

Those present were: Selectpersons Rebecca Hill-Larsen, Steven Baker and
David Chase
Assistant Town Clerk Marla Waring
Secretary/Clerk Wanda Grant

Additions to the agenda:

- The Board was informed that a "Notice of Reappraisal Order" was received today from the Vermont Department of Taxes/Property Valuation and Review. The notice stated that the Town has 30 days to respond in writing with a compliance plan, a statement contesting the findings, or both. The Board decided to set up a meeting with the Listers to discuss this. The Board set the meeting for July 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm
- The Board set the date for the Australian vote on the proposed Zoning Regulations for August 29, 2017. The polls will be open from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm for voting. The Board signed the warning for this vote.
- It was brought to the Board's attention that there are many stones in the North and South Kirby Cemeteries that have fallen over. The Board asked Wanda to contact Guest Memorials, Anair Memorials, and Littleton Monument Company to get estimates for the repair of these stones.
- The Board discussed the possible need for a new Transfer Station attendant as there is some concern that Paul Surridge might not be able to return to the job. Wanda was asked to contact Paul to see how his recovery is going and if he feels he will be able to return to work.
- Rebecca Hill-Larsen informed the rest of the Board that Consultant Jamie Caplan has contacted her and will be forwarding the completed Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Town soon along with a Plan Review Tool that will be needed to forward the plan to the State. Jamie stated that the Town can either forward the plan to the State or she is willing to do this. Rebecca Hill-Larsen stated that she would like to look the plan over first before it is forwarded to the State.
- David Chase informed the rest of the Board that there was a small fire of haybales loaded on a trailer and being trucked through Town. Hay and haybales were left on the side of the road and Road Foreman John Ohina and property owner Bill Brown are wondering whose responsibility it is to clean this up. The name of the trucker is not known but the hay was purchased from Caleb Temple. It was decided that David Chase will contact Caleb Temple to get the name and then will contact this person to clean up the mess. If he is unable to get a name he will contact the State Police and ask them to look into this.

Steven Baker made the motion to accept the minutes of Selectboard's Meeting for June 5, 2017 as written. Seconded by David Chase. So voted.

Road Report –

- Road Foreman John Ohina was not present. Road Commissioner David Chase informed the rest of the Board that the different type of gravel used in South Kirby was working well.
- Steven Baker stated that some of the different types of gravel tried on the roads did not work well while some did. The Board will continue to try different types of gravel to see which will work best.
- Steven Baker informed the rest of the Board that the new truck is now at Fairfield's in Morrisville and is halfway done. Road Foreman John Ohina will go over to Fairfield's on Wednesday to discuss with them where he wants certain lights, levers, etc. located on the truck.
- It was noted that the Board has not heard from Tim Ruggles concerning the engineering of Ridge Road.
- Rebecca Hill-Larsen informed the rest of the Board that Kerry O'Brien contacted her today and asked for Road Foreman John Ohina's phone number so hopefully she will be contacting him soon about conducting the road inventory.
- Rebecca Hill-Larsen informed the rest of the Board that Shauna Clifford contacted the Town about a new pilot project for road projects. She did look into this but there was not enough time to get all the information together.
- Road Commissioner David Chase signed an overload permit for Larry M. Brown with the condition to stay off the roads when soft.
- David Chase informed the rest of the Board that the new grizzly is almost completed. Ryan will bring it here to assemble it on site.

The Board reviewed the June budget and signed Highway and Town orders for bills. During the budget review it was pointed out that money was placed in the budget in order to have the hall floors sanded. The Board asked Wanda to contact Moe's Flooring and Greg's Flooring to get estimates.

The Board noted the following:

- The Town has received the food residual variance from the State. This will mean that the Town does not have to collect food scraps at the Transfer Station.
- A representative for Lyndon Rescue is still needed.
- The hearing for the Lynhill lawsuit is scheduled for August 4.
- CALEX has requested a meeting to discuss a contract. The Board will meet with CALEX on August 7 during their regular meeting.
- The Board decided to request the National Flood Insurance Program to move the Town from the emergency phase to the regular phase. This will make flood insurance more available to residents.
- The Board asked that the draft order for implementing standards and procedures for issuance of a certificate of public good for telecommunications facilities be passed on to the Planning Commission.
- The Board noted that the State Government Municipal Day will be held September 15 in Montpelier, September 19 in St. Johnsbury, and September 22 in Rutland.

David Chase made the motion to set the 2017 tax rates as follows:

Town	\$.0588	
Highways	\$.3716	
Cemetery	\$.0009	
Veteran's Exemption	<u>\$.0009</u>	
Total Municipal Rate	\$.4322	(a 6% increase from 2016)
School Rates (as received from Dept. of Taxes)		
Homestead	\$1.6188	(decrease of 2.6% from 2016)
Non-Residential	\$1.5922	(increase of 2.2% from 2016)
TOTAL TAX RATES		
HOMESTEAD	\$2.0510	(decrease of .09%)
NON-RESIDENTIAL	\$2.0244	(increase of 3%)

Motion seconded by Rebecca Hill-Larsen. So voted.

The next regular Selectboard Meeting will be August 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

David Chase made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Steven Baker. So voted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda L. Grant, Secretary