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KIRBY SELECTBOARD'S MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2018

The Selectboard met at the Kirby Town Clerk's Office on January 8, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rebecca Hill-Larsen at 6:22 p.m.

Those present were: Selectpersons Rebecca Hill-Larsen and Steven Baker  
Road Foreman John Ohina  
Lister James Sawhill  
Kirby Resident Alex Kasprak  
Assistant Town Clerk Marla Waring  
Secretary/Clerk Wanda Grant

Additions to the agenda were Certificate of Highway Mileage, an email concerning recycling, and NVDA dues. Additions will be discussed after VLCT Health Advocate Program.

Steven Baker made the motion to accept the minutes of the Selectboard's Meeting for December 4, 2017 as written. Seconded by Rebecca Hill-Larsen. So voted.

The Board reviewed the Reappraisal Agreement received from NEMRC. Lister James Sawhill stated that this is a reputable firm and that Ed Clodfelter had compiled the Town's land schedule for the last town-wide reappraisal. He also stated that the price seemed reasonable. He did note that the agreement stated that there would be considerable involvement of the Town Listers. This will have to be added to the Listers budget. Jim stated that he did not understand a couple of things under Description of Work, section g - why another field review would have to be done after all properties were already inspected and why the Listers would determine the final values. Jim stated that he will contact Ed Clodfelter about this. Otherwise, Jim stated that he was fine with the agreement and working with NEMRC as long as they attend grievance hearings and defend their work. The Board decided to wait to sign the agreement until after Jim contacts Mr. Clodfelter.

The Board noted the 2017 Equalization study results – common level of appraisal of 104.17% and coefficient of dispersion of 20.74%. Lister James Sawhill stated that the Listers would like the Board to appeal these results because the State has continued to use the Eaton sale in the study even though the Listers have stated that it should not be used because it was between family members. Jim stated that this has happened for the last three years. Jim will compile the appeal letter and the Board will sign it next Monday.

The road report was as follows:

- Road Foreman John Ohina stated that everything is going good.
- John informed that Board that he has taken care of several frozen culverts.
- Snowbanks were winged back today. It was noted that this might be the earliest that this has been done.
- Rebecca Hill-Larsen read an email from Kerry O'Brien stating that when she talked to John that he did not have a project for the Better Roads grant so no application was submitted. Both the Board and John stated that they were under the impression from Kerry O'Brien that she had a project that she thought the Town

should apply for and that she was going to do that. The Board felt that it was probably just as well to not have too many grants active at a time as this would involve the Town possibility over-extending Town funds as the Town has to pay for the projects before getting reimbursed.

The Board reviewed the December budget and signed Town and Road orders for bills.

The following was noted:

- The enrollment with ParaMed Plus for drug and alcohol testing has been completed.
- The form to change the Town's status with the National Flood Insurance Program from emergency to regular has been submitted to FEMA and is being processed. The Town should receive a letter in January or February letting the Town know when the change will go into effect.
- The Town still does not have a representative to serve on the Lyndon Rescue Board.
- VLCT is offering a new Health Advocate Program for subscribers at no charge. More information will be sent to subscribers about this.

James Sawhill stated that someone still needs to be appointed as representative to NVDA to fill his position. He suggested that someone on the Planning Commission should be appointed.

The Board signed the annual Certificate of Highway Mileage stating that no changes have occurred.

The Board noted an email from someone that had visited the transfer station on Saturday and was told that they should not bring so much cardboard here and that they should take it to the NEKWMD facilities in Lyndonville. It was noted that the recycling dumpster is not fully emptied when dumped because of items freezing in the bottom causing the dumpster to fill up on Saturdays. It was also noted that full to over flowing dumpsters for both the recycling and regular trash is happening almost every Saturday and maybe bigger dumpsters are needed. Rebecca Hill-Larsen stated that she will discuss this problem with Paul Tomasi at NEKWMD to see what he would suggest.

A letter from NVDA was received stating that they are now requesting annual "dues" not "appropriations". The letter stated ""dues" more accurately reflects the Town's status as a member community of NVDA". The Board agreed with this statement and decided to include the amount as part of the Town's budget.

The Selectboard will meet next Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm to work on the budget, inventory and warning and the next regular Selectboard Meeting will be Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Steven Baker made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rebecca Hill-Larsen. So voted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda L. Grant, Secretary

