

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Laurie Colgan and Christopher Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe;

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Rich Baker took the Oath of Office.

Changes or additions to the agenda: none

Loader: The Board reviewed quotes from Nortrax for a John Deere loader (\$141,500) and from Anderson Equipment for a Komatsu loader (\$140,238). The 2000 loader has been giving the road crew problems, and it is the only loader we have. If it breaks down, the road crew would have to either rent one or possibly use the excavator as an emergency measure but it would take a long time to load the trucks that way. The Board discussed purchasing a loader last fall but decided to wait until after Town Meeting.

Rich asked whether there is a state contract for loader purchases. Bobbi will find out.

Laurie moved to purchase a 2018 Komatsu loader, at a net price of \$140,238 (\$170,238 less \$30,000 trade in for the 2000 loader), provided that a loader is not available at a lower price through a state purchasing contract. Chris seconded – all in favor.

Road Complaints: Bobbi and Chris have received some complaints and some messages have been left at the Town Garage. There have been complaints about Folsom Hill Road and May Road. There have been a few other complaints this winter. The Road Crew has had a difficult time addressing some of the complaints. Rich asked the procedure for making a complaint. Chris explained that if someone leaves a specific complaint at the garage, the crew addresses it, but if it is a general complaint, and the crew has been out already, they don't always call back. Chris noted that sometimes people call him, and if the complaint is about a tree down, sometimes he takes care of it. The Board discussed ways that people could reach the road crew after hours if they need to.

Personnel: At 6:50 Laurie moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Chris seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open session at 7:15.

Lister Compensation: The Board set the compensation for the new listers at \$12.50 per hour. They will check in with the listers after the grand list is lodged to see how things are going.

Central Vermont Internet: Two people have approached the Selectboard about being the Town's representative to the CVI Board. The Selectboard will advertise the position before making a decision.

Next Meeting: The Board set the time for the next meeting at 5:30 p.m. on March 27th.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the March 13, 2018 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
