



Town of Milton
Special Selectboard Meetings
Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
43 Bombardier Road, Milton VT 05468

MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Darren Adams, Chairman; Kenneth Nolan, Vice Chairman; John Palasik, Clerk; Chris Taylor, Member; Brenda Steady, Member

Staff Members Present: Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager; Jessica Morris, Director of Finance; Taylor Yeates, Director of Public Safety; Kym Duchesneau, Recreation Coordinator; John Bartlett, Director of Administration/Facilities/Human Resources; Stephen Laroche, Police Chief

Others Present: None.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by D. Adams at 5:38 p.m.

II. Flag Salute

D. Adams led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Agenda Review

None.

IV. Public Forum

None.

V. Business

A. Budget Discussion

- D. Adams stated that gas prices peak in May of this year according to studies. Would like to bid prices during down curve to avoid bidding on paving at a high price time.
- D. Adams asked if there was an estimate yet on turning apportion of Hardscrabble Road back to a gravel road. D. Adams stated that he does not support paving Hardscrabble Road. Instead he would like to divert funds to the Lake Road culvert issue, Munson Hill issue, invest in tree cutting/blasting ledge. There is \$1.5 million for paving and construction.
- K. Nolan requested a construction priority list like the paving list to present to voters.
- D. Adams stated that he would be okay with financing if it includes reducing Hardscrabble Road and includes money for road repair/reconstruction.

- D. Adams requested a top 20 list of paving to present to voters. B. Steady agreed with creating a larger list for paving and construction. C. Taylor agreed with a larger list for construction but was apprehensive about bonding for paving.
- K. Nolan stated that he was apprehensive about presenting \$3 million list of paving projects and only bonding \$1.5 million.
- K. Nolan proposed financing \$1 million for paving for five years and reducing the paving line to \$235,000.
- D. Adams stated use 1% grand list growth.
- Decrease winter salt to \$210,000
- Remove \$30,000 from contracted services in Public Works Admin.
- Reduce engineering services to \$40,000.
- Reduce contracted services under highways to \$22,500.
- Reduce guardrails to \$15,000.
- K. Nolan stated that he would like the staff to think harder about what can be included in project costs going forward.
- Add \$5,000 to sidewalks.
- Reduce large vehicle replacement to \$75,712.
- Assessments:
 - Reduce GBIC to \$5,000
 - Reduce VNA to \$2,060
 - Reduce Milton Family Community Center to \$10,000
 - Reduce Age Well to \$2,500
 - Reduce Arrowhead Senior Center to \$9,000
 - Reduce Association of the Blind to \$0
 - Reduce COTS to \$0
 - Reduce Vermont Center for Independent Living to \$0
 - Reduce American Red Cross to \$0
 - Reduce Milton Artist Guild to \$800
 - Reduce MCYC to \$1,000
 - All new requests not funded including Vermont Family Network, United Way, Steps to End Domestic Violence, Hope Works.
- Remove engine 5 savings of \$10K, re-allocate previously collected \$10K to HVAC system.
- Jessica Morris to check with auditors on re-allocating insurance money in capital reserve from skate park to recreation master plan.
- Library to reduce total budget by \$6,000.
- Reduce Police Department overtime to \$90,000.
- Reduce Police Department contract revenue and salaries to FY19 numbers.

VI. Executive Session
A. Personnel
B. Contracts

Motion made by J. Palasik at 9:25 p.m. that premature public knowledge about personnel and contracts would cause the Town or person to suffer a substantial disadvantage with a second by C. Taylor. Approved Unanimously.

Motion made by J. Palasik at 9:26 p.m. that the Selectboard enter into executive session to discuss personnel and contracts under the provisions of 1 VSA 313 (a)(1) of the Vermont Statutes to include all five members of the Selectboard present tonight, Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager; John Bartlett, Director of Administration/Facilities/Human Resources; Taylor Yeates, Director of Public Safety; and Jessica Morris, Director of Finance; Stephen Laroche, Police Chief with a second by C. Taylor. Approved Unanimously.

VII. Action as a Result of Executive Session

Motion by J. Palasik at 10:35 p.m. to close executive session with no action taken with a second by C. Taylor. Approved Unanimously.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by B. Steady at 11:03 p.m. to adjourn the meeting with a second by C. Taylor. Ayes - D. Adams; C. Taylor; B. Steady. Nays - K. Nolan; J. Palasik. Motion Carries.

D. Adams adjourned the meeting at 11:03 p.m.


Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila Mooney

APPROVED MINUTES:

 Date: 1/27/19

John Palasik, Selectboard Clerk

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this 8 day of January, 2019.

ATTEST:  _____, Milton Town Clerk