

Randolph Selectboard Meeting of January 20, 2015
Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street

Selectboard: Trini Brassard, Dennis Brown, Larry Richburg, Marjorie Ryerson, and Tom Schersten

Municipal Staff: Melvin Adams (Town Manager) and Cindy Spaulding (Recorder)

Public Attendees: Paul Ralston, Don Maynard (Water & Sewer Committee), Steven Quenneville, Paul Rea, John Lutz, John Benson (DuBois & King/Green Mountain Center), Littleton Tyler, Mary O'Leary, Joan Richmond-Hall and Dan Koloski (VTC-Biodigester), Jerry Ward (ECFiber), Albert Huntley.

Media: Luke Sweet (ORCA) and M.D. Drysdale (*Herald of Randolph*)

1. Call to order

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Board moved into Conference Room A to conduct an interview for the Economic Development Council.

At 5:31 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Brassard, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to enter into executive session pursuant to V.S.A. Title 1 § 313 to interview candidates for membership on the Economic Development Council and invited Paul Ralston to participate. Vote 5-0-0.

At 6:00 p.m. on motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mrs. Brassard, the Board voted to return to open session. Vote 5-0-0.

The Board moved downstairs to Conference Room B in order to conduct its regular meeting

Mr. Brown called the regular board meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and introductions were made.

2. Approve Agenda

On motion by Ms. Ryerson, seconded by Mr. Richburg, the Board voted to move agenda items: 6g. Consideration of Letter to Public Service Board; 6a. Town Meeting article considering the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District to follow 5a. Discuss Water & Wastewater issues, all other actions will follow normal agenda order. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment

4. Consent Calendar (Agenda)

On motion by Ms. Ryerson, seconded by Mr. Richburg, the Board voted to approve the Consent Calendar as presented: Minutes of December 16, 2014, December 29, 2014 and January 7, 2015; and warrants approved. Vote 5-0-0.

5. Old Business

a. Discuss Water & Wastewater Issues.

Mr. Quenneville brought before the board his concerns for validation of the water/sewer rates, voting rights, warning of Wastewater Treatment Facility vote and cost and liability of the Wastewater Department regarding the fines paid to the Agency of Natural Resources for the alleged violations. Participants in the discussion: Steve Quenneville, Melvin Adams, Tom

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Schersten, Dennis Brown, Don Maynard and Trini Brassard. The Board took no action on Mr. Quenneville's request to reconsider the water/sewer rate structure.

b. Consideration of Letter to Public Service Board (originally 6g)

Mr. Adams presented to the Board a petition from the residents of Randolph Center concerning odors emanating from the VTC's Methane Generation Facility (bio-digester). The petition requests the Public Service Board to investigate the operations of VTC Biodigester. Representatives of VTC reported to the board they were aware of the issue and are working to correct the situation. It was suggested to VTC representatives to start a public relations dialog with the residents of Randolph Center. No action taken.

c. Town Meeting article concerning the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District (originally 6a)

Mr. Ward, representative to EC Fiber, provided an update on the ECFiber project. The ECFiber governing boards are asking for a change in governance, which would create an East Central Vermont Telecommunications District.

On motion by Mrs. Brassard, seconded by Ms. Ryerson, the Board voted to include the following question as an article as an Australian ballot on the Warning for Town Meeting: Shall the Town enter into a telecommunications union district to be known as the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, under the provisions of Subchapter 3, Chapter 121 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated? Vote 5-0-0

d. Exit 4 Act 250 Support Letter

The Board received a request from Jesse "Sam" Sammis for a letter of support for ACT250 for the Vermont Center, Vermont Products Showcase Center and Green Mountain Center at Exit 4/I-89. Discussion ensued regarding the Green Mountain Center's Master plan and included details provided by John Benson of DuBois & King who represented the owner.

On motion by Mr. Richburg, seconded by Mrs. Brassard, the Board voted to endorse a letter of support for the Green Mountain Center at Exit 4 and authorizing Mel Adams as signatory. Vote 4-1-0 (Ryerson opposed).

e. Appoint Members to the Economic Development Council

On motion by Ms. Ryerson, seconded by Mrs. Brassard, the Board voted to appoint the following members to the Economic Development Council: Jason Aldous, John Lutz, Michael Tragner, Joe Woodin and Paul Rea with Paul Ralston and Julie Iffland as alternates with terms to be determined at the next board meeting. Vote 5-0-0

Economic Development Council goals and bylaws will be edited at the February 17 meeting to expand the council to a seven member board and terms for each member to be established.

f. Finalize Proposed FY2016 Budget & Capital Budget

The Board reviewed the proposed FY2016 Budget and Capital Budget.

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mr. Richburg, the Board voted to approve the FY2016 Budget and Capital Budget as presented. Vote 5-0-0.

Ms. Ryerson left at 8:00 p.m.

6. New Business

a. Water & Sewer Allocations

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mrs. Brassard, the Board voted to approve Summit Distributing's request for additional wastewater allocation of 660 gallons per day with an associated allocation fee of \$3,300 for a 15-seat restaurant open for three meals a day and for a total of ten additional employees a day at 1917 VT Route 66. Vote 4-0-0.

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mrs. Brassard, the Board voted to approve Nancy Cassidy's request for additional water and sewer allocation of 135 and 112 gallons per day, respectively, with associated allocation fees of \$357.75 and \$560, for the additional one-bedroom dwelling unit at 37 South Main Street. Vote 4-0-0.

b. Revise Zoning Fee Schedule - \$30 application fee for free-standing solar arrays on private residential property

On motion by Mr. Richburg, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to establish a zoning permit application fee of \$30 (thirty dollars) for free-standing ground-mounted solar arrays "servicing" an on premise building or buildings. Vote 4-0-0.

c. Set Public Hearing for RACDC Implementation Grant for Armstrong Trailer Park

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mrs. Brassard, the Board voted to schedule a Public Hearing on February 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall Conference Room B for the purpose of obtaining Public Comment on RACDC's Implementation Grant for Armstrong Trailer Park Project. Vote 4-0-0.

d. Set meeting date for Public Hearing and Informational meeting

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mrs. Brassard, the Board voted to schedule a Public Hearing Informational meeting on February 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall Conference Room B for the purpose of discussing the Town budgets and warned articles on the Annual Meeting Warning. Vote 4-0-0.

e. Set Special Selectboard Meeting to sign the Annual Meeting Warning

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mrs. Brassard, the Board voted to schedule a special meeting on Friday, January 24, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of signing the Warning for the Annual Meeting of Randolph for 2015 (FY2016) Budgets to be held on March 3, 2015. Vote 4-0-0.

f. Discussion to Expand the Tri-town Alliance

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Mr. Adams asked if the board would consider expanding the Tri-town Alliance to include other towns. The town of Northfield has approached him with a request for consideration. The Board agreed to discuss the possibility with members of Braintree and Brookfield.

7. Adjournment

At 8:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mrs. Brassard, the Board voted to adjourn until its next scheduled meeting of Friday, January 24, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street. Vote 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Spaulding
Recorder

Dennis Brown
Selectboard chair

REFERENCE ONLY