

Selectboard Meeting of January 11, 2018
Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street

Selectboard: Trini Brassard, Lawrence Satcowitz and Michael Hildenbrand
Absent: Ross Evans, Jerry Ward

Municipal Staff: Adolfo Bailon (Town Manager), Bill Morgan (Facilities Manager)

Public Attendees: Mel Adams, Will Veve, Allison Hooper, Perry Armstrong, Miles Hooper, Gary Dir, Miles Hooper, Britt Haselton

Media: David Crosby (*Herald of Randolph*)

Regular meeting

1. Call to order

Mrs. Brassard called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Gary Dir announced that Town of Randolph is as a finalist for consideration of the Climate Model Economy Community program. Dir discussed next steps in the process, which includes a community meeting in Randolph.

3. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Mr. Satcowitz, seconded by Mr. Hildebrand, the Board approved the agenda. Vote 3-0-0.

4. Consent Calendar

- a. Meeting Minutes of December 14
- b. Warrants

On motion by Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Mr. Satcowitz, the Board approved the consent calendar as presented. Vote: 3-0-0.

5. New Business

a. Grand List

Discussion and action tabled until February 8

b. Grants:

- Virtual Communities MP-207-Randolph-00065
Mel Adams shared a progress update. Public information session will be held on January 23rd at Chandler Music Hall. This is strictly a planning grant and does not require implementation
- GHSP Education Grant Agreement
On a motion by Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Mr. Satcowitz, the Board approved accepting the grant and authorized Adolfo Bailon, Town Manager, to sign on behalf of the Town. Vote 3-0-0
- SWIP 2018 Mountain Alliance Application
Board discussed grant and potential uses for funding. On a motion by Mr. Satcowitz, seconded by Mr. Hildenbrand, the Board authorized Adolfo Bailon to apply for the grant and sign on behalf of the Town. Vote 3-0-0

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- FEMA/VT Agreement for Disaster 4330
Brief discussion on damage incurred to Town during most recent wind storm. On a motion from Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Mr. Satcowitz, the Board authorized Adolfo Bailon to apply for FEMA disaster funds when the State of Vermont opens the application process. Vote 3-0-0
- c. Certificate of Highway Mileage
Board discussed issue and asked for clarification on meaning of and potential penalties associated with a “Not Up To Standards” classification. Board also discussed meaning of term “Pent” as it relates to an allowable method to control access to a Town road. On a motion by Mr. Satcowitz, seconded by Mr. Hildenbrand, the Board authorized Adolfo Bailon to appeal the state’s “Not Up To Standards” ruling for Landfill Road. Vote 3-0-0
- d. New Water Main on Elm Street & Hospital Hill
Discussion and action tabled until February 8, 2018 meeting
- e. Award Maple Street Engineering

Discussion and action tabled to February 8, 2018 meeting.
- f. Proposed Credit Card Payment Policy
Discussion and action tabled until February 8, 2018 meeting
- g. Proclamation Request for National School Choice
Chair Brassard explained the request and provided background. Board agreed to not take action on this issue.
- h. Annual Report
 - Dedication
Board discussed dedicating Town Report to volunteers or to a specific person. No action was taken.
 - Picture of Cover
Board agreed to include a photograph of the Randolph Village Fire Station
 - Selectboard Report
Board discussed options for drafting a report. Board agreed to ask Dr. Ward to draft report on behalf of Selectboard
 - Delinquent Payment Category
Board discussed previous practices and variations of printing names and amounts, or just amounts. Board also discussed the accuracy of list: delinquency status at the time of printing Town Report as opposed to delinquency at the time of most recent tax payment. Board agreed to not list names in Delinquent Payment Category

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6. Old Business

a. Draft Letter of Support to VT Land Trust Conservation Easement

Board reviewed two draft letters. Mr. Satcowitz asked for clarification on who drafted which letter. Question was answered by Adolfo Bailon. Brit Haselton was invited to speak on behalf of VT Land Trust. Mr. Haselton spoke to the following points: Reiterated request for a letter of support, provided clarification on potential tax impacts to Town, projects allowed on property with the type of easement sought by VT Land Trust. Mr. Haselton also insisted that the easement sought by VT Land Trust is separate from the land issue on a neighboring 22.5 acres. Miles Hooper joined the conversation and stressed his commitment to the Town. Board discussed the separation and also potential unifying issue affecting property off of Exit 4.

Discussion concluded. On a motion from Mr. Satcowitz, seconded by Mr. Hildenbrand, Board authorized the use of letter of support drafted by Mr. Bailon and authorized its release to VT. Land Trust. Vote 3-0-0

b. Update on EDC Kiosk at “The Barn”

Mr. Bailon provided update to issue and spoke of challenges in reaching owner of The Barn. Board suggested potential avenues of approach to obtaining direct contact information.

c. Green Lantern Solar Array Proposed Contract Changes

Will Veve was invited to speak about the proposed contract. Mr. Veve informed board of decisions that lead to a decrease in size of proposed solar array from 500 kw to 150 kw. Discussed challenges associated with the array site and provided reasons for a proposed reduction in payments to Town. Mr. Veve provided additional information on “next steps” in the proposed process and also indicated that Green Lantern is fully responsible for any potential damage to cap on landfill where array will be established.

Board suggested a change to contract: In Section 7, include “...any and all applicable permits required by the project.”

On a motion by Chair Brassard, seconded by Mr. Satcowitz, Adolfo Bailon was authorized to enter into an option agreement based on agreement draft presented to board, which must include discussed change in Section 7. Vote 3-0-0

d. Update on RACDC’s Pocket Park Lease Agreement & MOU

Mr. Bailon shared update with board on efforts to create a final draft agreement. Additional work is required before a new final draft is presented to board for consideration.

7. Other Business

No other business

8. Manager’s Report

Mr. Bailon provided his manager’s report verbally with highlights: Overview of Water Well Plan; meetings with Dept. of Health to discuss manganese; RACDC’s Downtown Designation Reporting; staff training, through support of Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

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9. Executive session pursuant to 1 VSA 313(a) (1)(A) Labor Contract

At 9:15 p.m. on motion by Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Mr. Satcowitz, the Board entered into executive session pursuant to 1 VSA 313(a)(1)(A) Labor Contracts and invited Adolfo Bailon to participate. Vote 3-0-0.

At 9:56 p.m. on motion by Chair Brassard, seconded by Mr. Hildenbrand, the Board returned to open session. Vote 3-0-0.

No action taken.

10. Adjournment

At 9:57 p.m. on motion by Chair Brassard, seconded by Mr. Hildenbrand, the Board adjourned until its next scheduled meeting of January 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street. Vote: 3-0-0.