

Milton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2016 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Building Community Room

Selectboard Members Present: Darren Adams, Chair; Kenneth Nolan, Vice Chair; John Bartlett, Clerk; John Cushing, Member; John Palasik, Member

Selectboard Members Not Present: none

Staff Members Present: Donna Barlow Casey, Town Manager; Erik Wells, Director- Administration & Community Affairs; Jacob Hemmerick, Planning Director; Nathan Lavalley, Water/Wastewater Superintendent; Dustin Keelty, Public Works Supervisor

Others Present: Courtney Lamdin, Jenn Taylor, Terry Melton, Mary Thompson

I. Call to Order – Adams called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM

II. Flag Salute – Adams led the attendees in a Salute to the Flag.

III. Agenda Review- None

IV. Public Forum- None

V. Appointments

A. Community Champions Award Committee Appointment

Bartlett moved to appoint Richard Castine to the Community Champions Award Committee to a term ending in August 2016. Second by Palasik.

B. Chittenden Solid Waste District

Cushing moved to appoint Town Manager Donna Barlow Casey as the representative to the Chittenden Solid Waste District and Director of Administration Erik Wells as the alternate. Second by Palasik. **Approved unanimously.**

VI. New Business and Department Items

A. Update on Solar Projects

Wells was joined by Jesse Stowell of Sun Edison. Wells provided an overview of the process for the solar projects to date, from RFP in 2014 to contract award to project development that began in fall 2015. Stowell explained during development Sun Edison rendered a decision that the southern uncapped portion of the landfill presented too many risk factors for development and that portion of the project would not proceed. On the northern capped section, Green Mountain Power has restricted the sizing of the project to 500 kW. The net metering cap was also met last November, which has prevented this project from being able to utilize the power purchase agreement negotiated last summer. The net metering rules are being revised for this summer, and to move this project forward it will fall under the new net metering rules. For the community solar project at the wastewater plant the same issue is at play with the net metering cap being met. The project application will need to be submitted under the new net metering rules this summer for an anticipated sizing of 200 – 300 kW for the array. There is also the option to enter a lottery for a 150 kW array using the old net

48 metering rules that had higher benefit rates. If the Town is selected in the lottery it can
49 back out of that size project it chooses. The Board will decide on the lottery entry in
50 April and wait until the new net metering rules are finalized before deciding on how to
51 proceed to the project on the former Town landfill.

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53 **B. New Police Officer Signing Bonus Incentive**

54 Police Chief Brett Van Noordt explained there are currently two open positions for
55 patrol officers in Milton PD. Filling these positions have been a challenge. Over 40
56 applicants have been interviewed. Two individuals accepted the jobs, but then decided
57 to pursue other opportunities. There are a lot of openings for police officers in Vermont
58 and filling the positions is a challenge for a number of agencies. Van Noordt is proposing
59 a sign on bonus incentive for certified PT and FT officers and college graduates (mutually
60 exclusive) at \$2,000 and \$4,000 thresholds. After discussion, the Board asked for further
61 information about cost benefit for uncertified applicants to attend the Academy and to
62 explore offering a further amount for pre-certified officers. Discussion also covered how
63 the bonus would be paid out in installments to prevent someone from being hired,
64 taking the complete bonus, and then leaving shortly thereafter. Discussion will continue
65 at a future meeting.

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67 **C. Water Leak Update**

68 Barlow Casey provided an update that progress had been made to identify the source of
69 the water leak. It is occurring somewhere between the Champlain Water District meter
70 and households, users are not paying more than they should be. She shared a table that
71 showed water loss rates increasing from 11 to 45 percent over time. There is always
72 some amount of loss in a water system. Superintendent Nate Lavalley said that 30
73 gallons per minute of the loss has been identified since January. The Champlain Water
74 District meter is being tested and that may account for some of the recorded loss, if so
75 adjustments and credits would be made. The Towns of Hinesburg and Rutland
76 experienced problems like this in previous years that took awhile to isolate the source.
77 Staff from the Champlain Water District and the Town of Williston and City of South
78 Burlington are assisting. Valves are being turned at night to help isolate the area. Vacant
79 buildings have been identified and eliminated as causes. A UVM Professor is planning to
80 assist and take a class to use a radar system to explore Maplewood Ave. area. Work will
81 continue to identify the issue.

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83 **D. Vermont Renewable Energy Project Siting Resolution**

84 Cushing moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. Second by Bartlett. **Approved**
85 **unanimously.**

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87 **E. Set Date for Next Selectboard Meeting**

88 Decided this item was no longer necessary for agendas. Meeting occur first and third
89 Mondays of month.

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91 **VII. Manager's Report**

92 Barlow Casey said the landfill entrances have been posted by Public Works for no ATV
93 travel allowed. The Board asked Dustin Keilty about results of the borings at Beebe Hill
94 Road – results have not been returned to the Town yet.

97 **VIII. Warrant/Report #20**

98 Bartlett reviewed warrant #20. He mentioned a few items, in random order:

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- 101 • Cives Corporation, \$929.68 - repair LCD screens on 2006 & 2008 dump trucks
- 102 • Landworks, \$25,827.58 - Milton 4D project. Includes pass through of two "subcontractors" -
- 103 \$11,183.86 for Dubois & King and \$2,615.00 for Hartgen Archeological Associates. Note
- 104 from Erik all proceeding within approved contract amount.
- 105 • Northwestern Occupation Health (Georgia Walk-In Clinic), \$999 - rabies shots for MPD
- 106 officers (proactive).
- 107 • Tri-Sales, Inc, \$4,403.28 - replenish stock of water meters (4- 1" meters and 12 5/8" meters

108 Bartlett moved to approve warrant report #20 in the amount of \$120,347.06, second by

109 Nolan. **Approved unanimously.**

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111 **IX. Minutes of March 7 and March 14 Meetings**

112 Bartlett moved to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2016 and March 14, 2016

113 Selectboard meetings as presented. Cushing second. **Approved unanimously.**

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115 **Executive Session**

116 Bartlett moved to find premature public knowledge about Contract Negotiations and Real

117 Estate would cause the Town or person to suffer a substantial disadvantage. Second by Nolan.

118 **Approved unanimously.**

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120 Bartlett moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations under the

121 provisions of V.S.A. Title 1 Section 313 and include Barlow Casey. Second by Nolan. **Approved**

122 **unanimously.**

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124 Bartlett moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate under the provisions of

125 V.S.A. Title 1 Section 313 and include Barlow Casey and Planning Director Jacob Hemmerick.

126 Second by Nolan. **Approved unanimously.**

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128 Bartlett moved to close Executive Session at 9:45 PM. Second by Palasik. **Approved**

129 **unanimously.**

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131 Bartlett moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute a quit claim

132 deed that releases Glebe Land fee simple interests on the property of David J. and Katherine D.

133 Cadreact in order to grant development rights to the Vermont Land Trust. Second by Nolan.

134 **Approved 4-1 (Cushing opposed).**

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136 **X. Adjournment**

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138 Bartlett moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting. Second by Palasik. **Approved unanimously.**

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140 Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:48 PM.

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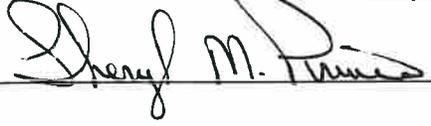
Respectfully Submitted,



Date: 4/4/16

John Bartlett, Selectboard Clerk

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ATTEST:  Milton Town Clerk

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