



**Town of Whitingham  
Office of the Selectboard**

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

*These Minutes shall be accepted into the public record (with any corrections noted) at a future meeting of the Whitingham Selectboard.*

The Whitingham Selectboard held a special meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Selectboard Office of the Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT.

Selectboard members present: Wayne Wood, Vice Chair; and members Wayne Corse, Craig Hammer, and Scott Reed.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Office Administrator; Howard Dix, Lister Clerk.

**Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda**

Wayne Wood called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

**Work session to address:**

**Lister services**

Howard Dix came to the table. The job is getting done with NEMRC, there have been some ups and downs in the adjustment period, there is a learning curve on both sides; the NEMRC employee is relatively new. We haven't received an invoice yet, but the contract stipulates \$85 per hour for the employee, \$145 for the senior assessor plus \$42.50 per hour for travel. Howard doesn't feel we are getting the bang for the buck with NEMRC. The tax bills were sent out, they found some errors and omissions.

The state of Vermont has a bid out to create a NEMRC/CAMA type software. The Selectboard doesn't want to wait to see what the state comes up with, it could be years. Last year the Selectboard received proposals from NEMRC and Green Mountain Appraisers (GMA), due to time constraints when the Board of Listers was voted out it was determined to stick with NEMRC for the time being but now is the time to reevaluate what is best for the town. Gig will contact Brian DeCesare of GMA to invite him to a Selectboard meeting as soon as possible.

**Sewer updates**

Lots of discussion, no decisions were made. Gig will contact the engineer and Dave DiCantio sewer plant chief operator to invite them to come discuss this project further.

**Security cameras**

**A motion was made to hire JC Electric to install the cameras that were previously purchased for Town Hill, cost not to exceed \$2,500, was made by Wayne Corse, seconded by Craig Hammer, 3 in favor, Scott Reed abstained.** If anticipated to be more than \$2,500 Mr. Corey should contact the Selectboard Office.

### **Jacksonville Village parking**

**A motion was made by Wayne Corse to have lines painted to make proper parking spaces at the Eames Village Park lot and to order and post new signs indicating 2-hour parking from 7am to 8pm, seconded by Scott Reed, all in favor.** The board will issue a friendly letter requesting compliance, if that doesn't work a Parking Ordinance will have to be enacted to allow issuing fines and having vehicles towed away at the owner's expense.

### **Discuss self-governance**

**A motion was made by Wayne Corse to express strong support for the Vermont League of Cities and Towns proposal to the Vermont State Legislature to create a limited self-governance pilot program for Vermont municipalities, seconded by Craig Hammer, all in favor.**

### **Transfer Station – training for new back-up attendant**

The new back-up Transfer Station attendant (whoever that may be) will need training. Mr. Janovsky suggested the new hire work a full 5-hour day with Jennifer Herzig. The Selectboard approved.

Ms. Herzig has consulted with JC Electric to replace the broken heater in the office.

Ms. Herzig has sent an email asking if the board would consider allowing Halifax residents to use the Transfer Station paying a higher rate than Whitingham residents. The board is considering it.

### **Policing**

Mr. Wood is still waiting for a return call from State Police Lt. Mosher of the Shaftsbury Barracks. He noted that VLCT recently issued a statement saying that Emergency Services in Vermont is in critical condition.

### **Other business / Office Administrator – as needed**

None.

### **Adjourn**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Corse, seconded by Craig Hammer, all in favor.**

Wayne Wood adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
~Gig Zboray