

**TOWN OF RUTLAND
SELECT BOARD MEETING
RUTLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MINUTES: TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

- Board members present: Josh Terenzini, Mary Ashcroft, Chris Kiefer-Cioffi, Joe Denardo
- Meeting opened at 6:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance
- Presentation:

Rutland Town Fire Chief Mr. Frank Cioffi presented an award to Mr. Joe Denardo for his 45 years of dedicated service to the Rutland Town Fire Department from August of 1972 to August of 2017.

Approval of Orders:

The Board approved the orders.

Approval of Minutes: Tuesday, December 15, 2017:

Ms. Ashcroft made a motion to accept. Ms. Kiefer-Cioffi made a second to the motion. After a minor correction was made motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Fireworks Contract:

Mr. Terenzini stated he has signed the fireworks contract for Wednesday, July 4, 2018.

Zero Sort Information:

Mr. Denardo stated Board needs to decide if the Town wants to go to a Zero Sort set up which would require the purchase of a compactor. Discussion only, no action taken.

Timber Sale Contract:

Town Tree Warden Mr. Fred Nicholson presented the contract from Cersossimo for the Chair's signature after the contractor sends the check and signed contact. Ms. Kiefer-Cioffi made a motion for the Chair to sign. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Nicholson stated there was no Rutland Regional Planning Commission meeting to report.

Tractor Purchase:

Town Road Commissioner Mr. Byron Hathaway and Town Recreation Director Mr. Mike Rowe presented information on how the two departments would split the cost of the shared tractor. After discussion Ms. Ashcroft made a motion to authorize the purchase of the tractor in the total amount of \$40,381.91 with the Highway Department's share of \$23,938.94 from their Depreciation Fund and \$16,443.08 from the Recreation Depreciation Fund. Mr. Denardo made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously,

Questions from the Floor/Public Comment:

Rutland Town Delinquent Tax Collector Mr. Chris Howland updated the Board on the progress of delinquent tax collections.

Rutland Town Planning Commission Co-Chair Mr. Dana Peterson reported:

- 1) Mr. Peterson stated the Enhanced Energy Plan has been sent to the Public Service Board for review and the Commission will have feedback in the next few weeks.
- 2) Mr. Peterson and the Board discussed the Commission's prioritized options for a Viewshed analysis.
- 3) Mr. Peterson informed the Board the Thomas farm has requested taking parcels of their land out of "Current Use" to "Preferred Solar Sites". Mr. Peterson said the Commission is exploring ways to make the process easier for residents in the future.

Rutland Town Clerk/Treasurer Ms. Kirsten Hathaway reported:

- 1) Ms. Hathaway presented two quotes for trash removal from Mr. Joe McKirryher and Casella Waste Management. After discussion Mr. Denardo made a motion for Mr. McKirryher to take over trash removal at the Town office, Town fire stations and Dewey Field. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Ms. Hathaway presented the Town Budget to the Board and updated them of minor changes. After discussion Mr. Denardo made a motion to approve the budgets as presented. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Ms. Hathaway reminded everyone appropriations are due on Thursday, January 18, 2018.
 - John Paul Fignant entered the meeting at 7:20 P.M.
- 4) Mr. Denardo suggested raising the amount of the Scholarship Fund from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00. The Board collectively decided not to raise the Fund.
- 5) The Board decided to have their next meeting at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, January 22, 2018 at the Rutland Town School before the Pre-Town Meeting. Ms. Hathaway asked all Department Heads to have their reports to her by Tuesday, January 16, 2018.
- 6) Ms. Hathaway reminded Town residents taxes are due on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Ms. Hathaway stated she is looking into residents being able to make payments on line and by credit card.
- 7) Ms. Hathaway said the Town Office will be closed Monday, January 15, 2018 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

Rutland Town Fire Chief Mr. Frank Cioffi reported:

- 1) Mr. Terenzini read the list of officers elected for 2018 at the annual meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018.
- 2) Mr. Cioffi presented the Board a revised estimate from Control Technologies regarding carbon monoxide detectors for the Center Rutland Fire Station in the amount of \$1,675.00. Mr. Fignant made a motion to approve. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

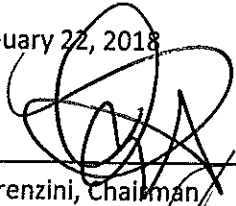
- 3) Mr. Cioffi stated the gutters for the Center Rutland Fire Station will be \$500.00 and will bring a quote in writing to the next Board meeting. Mr. Cioffi said the materials for the roofs for the station are in and construction will start when the weather breaks.
- 4) Mr. Terenzini read the ballot question language regarding air packs for the Town firefighters. Ms. Ashcroft made a motion to approve. Mr. Faignant made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Rutland Town Police Chief Mr. Ed Dumas reported:

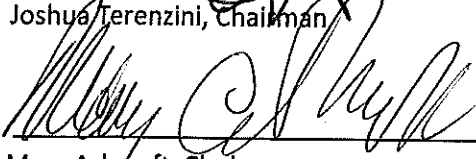
- 1) Mr. Dumas updated the Board on department's activity since the last Board meeting.
- 2) Ms. Kiefer-Cioffi thanked the officers for their work on the budget and was disappointed the new police cruiser was turned down. Ms. Kiefer-Cioffi asked Mr. Dumas to thank OMYA for their offer of a donation towards the vehicle.
- 3) Mr. Denardo asked the Board to consider a Deprecation Fund for the Town Police Department. After discussion Ms. Kiefer-Cioffi made a motion to place a Deprecation Fund item on the Town Meeting Day ballot in the amount of ¼%. Mr. Denardo made a second to the motion. Motion passed 4-1. Mr. Faignant voted in the negative.
 - Ms. Kiefer-Cioffi made a motion to enter into Executive Session to conduct interviews for the Assistant to the Select Board position. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously and Board moved into executive session at 7:49 P.M.
 - The Select Board came out of Executive Session at 9:26 P.M. No action was taken.
 - The Board considered the Reprographics bid for the printing of the Town Report. Mr. Faignant made a motion to accept the contract and order 1,500 reports per the price quoted without the additional charge for mailing preparation. Ms. Kiefer-Cioffi made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Faignant made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Denardo made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 P.M.

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Signed January 22, 2018



Joshua Terenzini, Chairman




Mary Ashcroft, Clerk



John Paul Fagnant

Chris Kiefer-Cioffi



Joe Denardo

Center Rutland, VT.