**Minutes of regular meeting of the Whitingham Selectboard**

**August 3, 2016**

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 regular meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Selectboard Office of the Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT.

Selectboard members present: Chair, Keith Bronson; Vice Chair, Allan Twitchell; Members, Karl Twitchell and Robin Kingsley.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Administrative Assistant; Almira Aekus, Town Treasurer; Dave DiCantio, Sewer Department Operator; Jim Dassati, Deerfield Valley News.

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

Chair, Keith Bronson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. There was one addition to the agenda: Follow up on unregistered dogs.

**Hearing of Visitors**

There were no visitors.

**Sewer Department Operator**

Robin Kingsley was concerned about the price of a pump recently purchased. He asked Dave DiCantio if other suppliers and manufacturers were looked into before purchasing from Penn Valley. Mr. DiCantio answered yes, this is a double disk diaphragm pump, it is much better than the cheaper centrifugal pumps which won’t do the job required. Penn Valley is the company the Sewer Dept. has been using for years. The pump has to work hard to suck from the bottom of the septic tanks and through about 30’ of pipe. The pump is a critical part of the system.

Karl questioned if the Sewer Dept. was any closer to taking on more product. Mr. DiCantio answered that for the past three months there have been problems meeting the state required lab results, he has actually had to suspend collection of outside product. He is working on the problem and is planning to increase the frequency of the sludge removal in order to bring in more product/revenue.

**Old Home Week**

Busses (First Student in Brattleboro) are lined up for Friday and Saturday.

Parade permit has been issued by VTrans.

State Police have been notified, Sheriffs also.

Cert team has been approved but it can only be organized by Fire Chief Janovsky.

Allan Twitchell stated that he can ride along with the Selectboard on their float (he is the Old Home Week Chair).

Selectboard members should arrive at Steve Morse’s farm around 9am, parade starts at 10. Gig will drive the tractor. She will call Steve to find out if decorations, signage and outfits are needed.

**Approval of Payables Warrant – August 4, 2016**

**A motion was made by Allan Twitchell to approve Payables Warrant W1706 dated August 4, 2016, seconded by Karl Twitchell, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

**Approval of Payroll Warrant – August 4, 2016**

**A motion was made by Robin Kingsley to approve the Payroll Warrant W1705 dated August 4, 2016, seconded by Allan Twitchell, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

**Approval of Minutes of July 20, 2016**

**A motion was made by Robin Kingsley to approve the Minutes of July 20, 2016 as written, seconded by Allan Twitchell, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

**Other business / Administrative Assistant – as needed**

1. Next meeting: scheduled for August 17th. **A motion was made by Robin Kingsley to appoint Keith Bronson to sign the warrants if the August 17th meeting is cancelled, seconded by Allan Twitchell, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**
2. Senior Meals Rent: they will be using the kitchen approximately 108 days per year, approximately 1/3 of the seniors coming to the meals are Whitingham residents. Allan suggested $100 for the first month, $200 for the second month and $300 per month thereafter. Karl doesn’t feel that we can go below $300 per month to be fair and responsible to all taxpayers. Robin asked Almira to provide approximate cost of propane and electric for kitchen use. Perhaps we can figure out costs of cleaning supplies (soaps, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.) **A motion was made by Allan Twitchell to charge $100 for the first month, $200 for the second month and $300 per month thereafter, to be reviewed with Terrie Dumaine after 3 months** (end of December/early January)**, seconded by Robin Kingsley, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**
3. It was noted that Warren Reed donated a wooden whiffle ball bat for the Old Home Week whiffle ball tournament. Gig will send him a thank you note. It was also noted that the burned building in Whitingham village was cleaned up. Gig will also send the property owner a thank you note.
4. Truck Body: **A motion was made by Karl Twitchell to approve the purchase of a new dump body for the 2006 Mack truck for $36,000** (including painting)**, seconded by Robin Kingsley, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

**Executive Session to discuss litigation [Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A)]**

**A motion was made by Robin Kingsley to find that premature general public knowledge regarding the town’s tax sale litigation would clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage if its legal strategy was made public, seconded by Karl Twitchell, all in favor.**

**A motion was made by Robin Kingsley to enter executive session to discuss the tax sale litigation under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes to include Gig Zboray and Almira Aekus, seconded Allan Twitchell, all in favor.**

**With no decisions made a motion was made by Allan Twitchell to exit executive session, seconded by Karl Twitchell, all in favor.**

**A motion was made by Allan Twitchell for Keith Bronson to sign the Reservation of Rights document for VLCT, seconded by Robin Kingsley, all in favor.**

**Adjourn**

**A motion was made by Robin Kingsley to adjourn, seconded by Allan Twitchell all in favor.**

Keith Bronson adjourned the meeting at 9:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

~Gig Zboray