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

**August 16, 2017**

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 16, 2017 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; Member Greg Brown.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Administrative Assistant; Linda Donaghue, Deerfield Valley News; Seth Boyd, School Board Chair.

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

Keith Bronson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. There was one addition to the agenda – discuss and appoint new TS attendant.

**Hearing of visitors** Seth Boyd came to the table to update the Selectboard on changes coming along regarding Act 46 to formalize the new Unified Union School District. At a special Town Meeting on September 12th they must elect moderator, clerk and treasurer for the new school district and must set the pay for each position. Historically the moderator has been paid by the Town but the school will begin paying for their own moderator. They must establish date of annual meeting, they are thinking the night before the Annual Town Meeting. Greg Brown asked for the dynamics for the meeting, Seth responded that votes are co-mingled, there is no Wilmington versus Whitingham. Budgets will be approved by Australian ballot per Statute. Seth doesn’t think this portion of the process is a big deal but he wanted the Selectboard to be aware. Greg asked Seth about the tax “reward” for going through the Act 46 process. Seth doesn’t believe it is in effect for this year, but he will get the facts and confirm. The new School Board will be 3 members from Whitingham and 4 from Wilmington. The new Unified Union School District will take effect July 1, 2018.

Greg asked if any progress has been made on the fuel situation for the generator. Seth answered Greg Nido thinks the tank might be tipped so it’s difficult to find if there is water in the tank. The tank structure is fine; it’s possible there is years of condensation in there. If the tank gets pumped out to clear any water found Greg Brown questioned if the school plans to keep it full, Seth answered that they will decide that when the water problem has been corrected.

**Transfer Station/WSWMD**

WSWMD received our exit letter on Tuesday, August 8th. With our Special Town Meeting scheduled for September 6th it doesn’t give time for a Board of Supervisors meeting in between to go over the draft Agreement. A special meeting will be called for the BOS to approve/edit the agreement. Keith Bronson and Greg Brown will try to be available for that special meeting.

Three applications were received for the position of Transfer Station Attendant. Stanley Janovsky, Jr. is on vacation but before he left he recommended Jennifer Herzig to fill the position. **Based on the Road Commissioner’s recommendation Greg Brown made a motion to appoint Jennifer Herzig as new Transfer Station attendant and set the hourly rate at $15 per hour, seconded by Allan Twitchell, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.** Greg Brown noted that Ms. Herzig could start on Saturday.

**A motion was made by Allan Twitchell to appoint Gig Zboray as representative** (she was alternate) **and for Keith Bronson to sign the letter to notify WSWMD that Gig Zboray will serve as Town Representative to the Board of Supervisors and that Clyde Twitchell, Jr. has retired, seconded by Greg Brown, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

**Approval of Payables Warrant – August 17, 2017**

**A motion was made by Allan Twitchell to approve Payables Warrant W1808 dated August 17, 2017, seconded by Greg Brown, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

**Approval of Payroll Warrant – August 17, 2017**

**A motion was made by Allan Twitchell to approve Payroll Warrant W1807 dated August 17, 2017, seconded by Greg Brown, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

**Approval of Minutes of August 2, 2017**

**A motion was made by Greg Brown to approve the Minutes of August 2, 2017 as written, seconded by Allan Twitchell, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

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

**Updates on litigation: Keith Bronson moved to find that premature general public knowledge regarding the town’s education funding litigation would clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage if its legal strategy was made public, seconded by Greg Brown, all in favor.**

**Keith Bronson moved to enter into executive session to discuss education funding litigation under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes to include Gig Zboray and Seth Boyd, seconded by Greg Brown, all in favor.**

With no decisions made executive session was exited at 8:31pm.

**Other**: Greg Brown was in contact with VTrans regarding the plugged culverts/drop inlets on Jacksonville Hill, VTrans started working on it but Greg Brown contacted Rob Faley again regarding the quality of the work.

**Adjourn**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Brown, seconded by Allan Twitchell , all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

Keith Bronson adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

~Gig Zboray