



**Town of Whitingham  
Office of the Selectboard**

**MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 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 Monday, June 24, 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.

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

Wayne Wood called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

**Work session to update the Purchasing Policy**

The board agreed with the addition of a sentence about special funds, change in wording under recurring purchases and to remove the exemption for Road Gravel/Winter Sand. **A motion was made by Wayne Corse to send the Purchasing Policy with the corrections noted to the town attorney for review, seconded by Craig Hammer, all in favor.**

**Prepare a bid request for security cameras for Municipal Center/Jacksonville Fire House**

**Policing Update:** Wayne Wood spoke with Bennington Sheriffs; they can only work here if Windham Sheriffs turn us down. Windham could provide coverage at \$51 per hour, they cannot provide anything more than 10 hours per month. At 5 hours per month (travel time included?) the annual cost would be \$3,060, 10 hours per month annual would be \$6,120, there is \$10,000 in the policing line of the budget. Mr. Wood still needs to speak with the State Police. He notified Glenn Toole about his research. The Sheriff that Mr. Wood spoke with said it takes about 3 months to see an impact on the speeders in town. A speed sign that records data (speed, date and time) would be installed to provide information for when the police should provide coverage.

Discussion around JC Electric's proposal for security cameras at the Municipal Center: the board felt after more discussion that they prefer to work with JC Electric because he is a local business, has donated thousands of dollars to local causes, employs several residents, etc. Gig will ask Mr. Corey to meet at town garage at 5:30 on Wednesday, July 17th to look at camera needs there in hopes that we can use less cameras on the Municipal Center and install some on the Highway Garage.

### **Selectboard vision/goals**

- Creation of a community compost pile
- Lister services for the future, we need to start researching soon
- Recreate community spirit
- Work with the school, find out why so many students want to leave the school
- Reach out to neighboring towns to create coalition to fight the state about the roads, this area is neglected.
- Economic Development
- Consider putting school payment information in the town report
- Consider creating a capital budget for future purchases of equipment
- See how we stand in comparison to other local towns in paying our employees – go through soup to nuts looking at each employee
- Law Enforcement
- Sidewalks
- Flood Resiliency
- Sewer rates (method – metering vs. flat rate) and upcoming improvements, cut shrubs,
- Increase town and school population – how??
- Property lister cards onto website, Grand List onto website
- Make access to Municipal Center into a town road

The above information is a first step at creating a list of goals, next would be to begin to organize and prioritize the list.

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

The dog bite victim on Stimpson Hill would like a Potential Vicious Dog Hearing. The Selectboard will hold a Potential Vicious Dog Hearing on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm.

### **Adjourn**

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

Wayne Wood adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
~Gig Zboray