



**Town of Whitingham
Office of the Selectboard**

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2024

These Minutes are considered a DRAFT until accepted into the public record (with any corrections noted) at a future meeting of the Whitingham Selectboard.

The Whitingham Selectboard held a regular meeting at 6:30pm in the Selectboard office of the Whitingham Municipal Center on Wednesday, October 30, 2024.

Selectboard members present: Scott M. Reed, Chair; James Weber, Vice Chair; Greg Brown, and Lyman Tefft, Jr. Travis Wheeler attended remotely.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Office Administrator; Almira Aekus, Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector; Stanley Janovsky, Jr., Road Commissioner.

David Allen, Todd Gammell, and Tyler Thagans of Casella Waste Management; Rick Gramlin, resident; Laura Sibilia, BDCC.

Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda

Scott M. Reed called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Changes to the agenda were noted on the meeting copy.

Hearing of Visitors for concerns not on the agenda None

BDCC annual update of services

Laura Sibilia of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) here to present the annual report and make their annual request for funding.

Transfer Station: discussion with Casella re: single stream recycling

David Allen of Casella here to clarify that we will no longer be getting the \$30 per ton charge for our paper, it will be charged as zero sort (single stream) and highly recommended that we combine our containers in the compactor with the paper. As we essentially have no choice, the board approved of going single stream as soon as the current containers box is full.

Highway: temporary closure of Dam Road

Great River Hydro requested the closure of Dam Road on November 4th and 5th because they will be blocking the road with a crane at Glory Hole. The board says it is not a problem.

Town Clerk, Treasurer, Delinquent Tax Collector: continue discussion to determine pay rates for these positions for newly elected official(s)

The tentative top budget number for two people for the three positions is \$83,079 plus benefits. Actual pay rate(s) will be negotiated after election.

Sewer: review and approve contract amendment with W&S to support permit compliance

We received an Amendment for General Services Contract for Engineering Services to support (discharge) Permit Compliance for the Jacksonville plant for a total not to exceed \$49,700. During the August 7, 2024 meeting a motion was made and passed to approve Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$86,587 – that amendment was never approved by the state. It was for engineering services for the change orders for the project alternates, was recently revised to \$52,060 and was just approved by the state. **A motion was made by James Weber to approve the “Proposal for an Amendment to our current General Services Contract for Engineering Services to support Permit Compliance for the Jacksonville WWTP (VT ANR Permit No. 3-1230)” for an amount not to exceed \$49,700 and to appoint Scott M. Reed to sign it, seconded by Greg Brown, all in favor.**

Approval of Payables Warrant – October 31, 2024

A motion was made by Scott M. Reed to approve Payables Warrant #W2518, dated October 31, 2024, seconded by Skip Tefft, all in favor.

Approval of Payroll Warrant – October 31, 2024

A motion was made by Greg Brown to approve Payroll Warrant #W2517, dated October 31, 2024, seconded by James Weber, all in favor.

Review and approve Minutes of October 16, 2024

A motion was made by James Weber to accept the Minutes of October 16, 2024, as written, seconded by Scott M. Reed, all in favor.

Other business

Health Insurance renewal: Marylee Putnam prepared the annual memo showing the cost changes. For many years the town has benefitted from the bronze plan and paying low premium rates and a significant portion of the deductible on behalf of employees, for example last year was budgeted at \$87,750 but only spent \$43,291.84. Based on current enrollment, the annual increase of premiums to the town will be \$1,831.51 per month. The board approved.

Adjourn

A motion was made by James Weber to adjourn, seconded by Scott M. Reed, all in favor.

Scott Reed adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
~Gig Zboray