

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

March 5, 2014

Members present: Eric Osgood, Douglas Molde, Howard Romero, Nat Kinney, Kathy Black, Selectboard; Duncan Hastings, Manager; Rosemary Audibert, Clerk.

Eric called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Eric and Nat took the oath of office for Selectboard members.

Howard nominated Eric Osgood for Chairman, Kathy, seconded, so voted

Howard moved to appoint the follow list of positions to the person(s) as noted after the position:

**Road Commission:** Duncan Hastings

**Road Foreman:** P. Stephen Smith

**First Constable:** Sharon Duffy

**Second Constable:** David Jones

**Fence Viewers:** Blaine Delisle, Margo Warden, Howard Romero

**Official Weigher:** Vacant

**Vt. Emergency Management:** Chairman of Selectboard

**Energy Coordinator:** Howard Romero

**Town Service Officer:** Nat Kinney

**Inspector of Lumber, Wood & Shingles:** Vacant

**Green up Day, Chairman:** Jennifer Stefanski

**Recreation Committee:** Heather Rodriquez, Nat Kinney, Michele Boyden, Bobbie Moulton, Denise Sargent, Beth Foy

**Skatepark Committee:** Casey Romero, Howard Romero, Greg Fatigate, Cornelius Murphy, Ronald Murray, Richard Bowen

**Conservation Commission:** Lois Frey, Carley Coolidge, Jackie Stanton, Jeanne Engel, Eric Nuse, Sue Lovering, Noel Dodge, Julia Stanton, Ann Marie Bahr

**Johnson Historical Society:** Linda Jones, Dean West, Lois Frey, Tom Carney, Alice Whiting, Frank Dodge, Howard Romero, Jess West, Jane Marshall

**Johnson Planning Commission** 2 Year Term – Suzanne Dodge

3 Year Term – David Bergh

Kathy seconded motion, all voted in favor of.

Noel Dodge has submitted a letter stating that he is interested in the position of Tree Warden. Noel is on the Conservation Commission and they are working on the emerald ash borer issue. Tree warden is an overseer of public trees, organizing and implementing tree planting, maintenance and protection programs. Tree warden need not be an arborist, a horticulturist or an entomologist. Also, has the responsibility of caring for the shade and ornamental trees in public ways and places. Howard moved to appoint Noel Dodge as Tree Warden, Nat seconded, so voted.

Board discussed planning commission terms for the new member that were appointed in 2013. Title 24 §4323 states that the length of the term of planning commission members shall be determined by the legislative body of a municipality. Howard moved the following terms for the new members of the Planning Commission, starting in 2014  
Kathy seconded, so voted.

David Butler	3 year term ending in March 2017
David Grozinsky	2 year term ending in March 2016
Ben Waterman	3 year term ending in March 2017
Brian Boyden	2 year term ending in March 2016

Duncan stated that need to officially have an official pound, if the Town does not have one can be fined \$20.00. Howard moved to appoint Lamoille Kennel as the official pound for the Town of Johnson, Kathy seconded, so voted.

Kathy moved to appoint Linda Jones as the Town Historian, Nat seconded, so voted.

Board discussed listers. Duncan stated that the Town could put an article in the warning for town meeting to do away with the lister positions and hire an appraiser; several towns have done this as they were not able to find people to fill these positions. Other towns have listers that only review the grandlist and sign off on the grandlist, they meet a few times a year, but the appraiser does all the work. Rose Warner is going to retire within the next few years; she has a lot of knowledge about the town. Duncan stated that he and Rose have discussed this before, will discuss this more with Rose to see what her ideas would be.

Duncan stated that he has spoken with JoAnn Benford about the Grand Juror, Agent to Convey Real Estate and the Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits she would rather not hold these positions if possible.

Grand Juror – position helps to prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the town by giving information to state and local law enforcement. (Generally not a very active position).

Agent to Convey Real Estate – Executes the deeds on behalf of the town.

Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits – (Town Agent) The Town Agent used to prosecute and defend suits. The selectboard now have that authority. Thus, the Town Agent's duties consist of assisting when litigation is in progress at the request of the Selectboard. (Generally not a very active position). Rosemary stated that have to notify the Town Agent of Board of Civil Authority tax appeals. Duncan stated that this is the position that JoAnn used to deal with parking tickets. This position has no legal authority to waive parking tickets on the village ordinance.

Howard volunteered to fill the position of Grand Juror.

Kathy moved to appoint the following list of positions to the person(s) as noted after the position that was not elected at Town Meeting:

**Trustee of Public Money** – Rosemary Audibert

**Grand Juror** – Howard Romero

**Agent to Convey Real Estate** – Vacant

**Plot Cemetery Agent** – David Marvin

**Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits** – Vacant

**Library Trustee** – ask Library Trustee Board to advertize for the position and made a recommendation to the Selectboard.

Doug seconded motion, all voted in favor of.

Nat to be the Selectboard representative on the Recreation Committee

Doug to be the Selectboard representative on the Planning Commission. He has also attended some of the meetings for the Conservation Commission as they were working on Journey's End land purchase and now with the path to the swimming area.

Howard to be the Selectboard representative on the Historical Society and the Skatepark Committee.

Doug asked why Steve Smith was not a Town Meeting. Duncan stated that according to the personal policy Town Meeting day is a holiday and would have to pay double time if had to work on a holiday. Doug stated that he is unable to attend need to have someone at the meeting to be his representative. Board to discuss this at the next board meeting.

Rosemary stated that the election result for School Director, 3 years was won by Bobbie Moulton by one vote. Have received a written request from Lauren Philie for a recount. Rosemary stated that would like to hold the recount on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The next School Board meeting is on March 10<sup>th</sup> and would like to have this finalized before their meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Rosemary Audibert, Clerk.