

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Village of Johnson Board of Trustees

Date: March 26, 2018

Location: Johnson Municipal Building

Present: Gordon Smith, Board Chair; Walter Pomroy, Vice Chair; Bob Sweetser, Trustee; Scott Meyer, Trustee; and Meredith Birkett, Village Manager;

Call to Order

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

Proposed Changes/Additions to the agenda

There were two additions to the agenda: 1) a request from the Town for the Village to consider contributing towards the Town's 2018 flood expenses and 2) the addition of an Executive Session to discuss a matter that is related to personnel and a possible contract.

Public Comment

Meredith shared a thank you note from Ginny Bogni related to the anonymous donation made on her behalf.

Discussion of Village Meeting Preparations

Chair Smith noted that the Trustee candidate Meet & Greet was scheduled for Wednesday (3/28) night at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building and that a professor for NVU would be the moderator. The Trustees suggested Meredith should compose a Front Porch Forum post about the main articles and items that will be voted on at the annual Village meeting.

Town Flood Expenses

Chair Smith explained that Selectboard Chair Eric Osgood asked whether the Village would be willing to contribute towards the expenses the Town incurred as part of the winter 2018 flooding and mitigation efforts. The perspective of the Trustees is that they do not want to commit to any funding in advance of the annual Village Meeting happening on April 3rd.

Executive Session for a Personnel Matter

At 6:30 Walter Pomroy made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter related to the evaluation of public employees with Meredith Birkett invited to participate in the discussion. Bob Sweetser seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:42 PM.

Executive Session related to a Possible Contract

At 6:45 PM, Walter Pomroy made a motion to find that the premature general public knowledge regarding the possible terms of a contract would clearly place the Village at a substantial disadvantage. Scott Meyer seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

At 6:45 PM, Walter Pomroy made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a possible contract under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(1)(A). Scott Meyer seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:50 PM.

Executive Session related to a Personnel Matter and Possible Contract

At 6:51, Walter made a motion to find that the general public knowledge regarding terms of a possible contract would clearly place the Village at a substantial disadvantage. Bob Sweetser seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

At 6:52, Walter made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and a possible contract under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(1)(A). Bob Sweetser seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. At 6:53, Scott Meyer recused himself and left the meeting. The Board exited Executive Session at 7:05 PM.

Walter made the following motion: To approve the settlement agreements negotiated by the Village of Johnson attorneys, Tyler Dunigan of the Vermont Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“VOSHA”), and Mr. Thomas Elwood, the Village of Johnson Board of Trustees hereby: (1) ratifies the two settlement agreements, entitled “VOSHA Settlement Agreement” and the “Agreement and General Release”; and (2) ratifies Ms. Birkett’s signatures on each of the respective agreement as a duly authorized agent of the Village of Johnson. Bob Sweetser seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Adjourn

Walter Pomroy made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM and Bob Sweetser seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Birkett