



## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** May 7, 2018

**Location:** Johnson Municipal Building

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

### **Call to Order**

The meeting opened at 6:03 PM.

### **Proposed Adjustments to the Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda: 1) Update on gardening, 2) Update on windrow turner, 3) Discussion about Parker & Stearns closing, and 4) Executive Session for a personnel matter.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **Update on Gardening**

Meredith reported that she had spoken the VLCT's HR consultant and she recommended hiring an individual as a temporary employees as a good solution for the Village's gardening assistance needs. She also noted that she spoke with Brian Story and he indicated he would inquire whether the Town would be willing to split the gardening costs with the Village. She also noted that Peter Moynihan asked whether the planting in the bulb out on Main Street could be included. The Board was open to including the Main Street bulb out.

### **Update on Windrow Turner Sale**

Meredith reported that it was challenging to find a comparable piece of equipment for sale. She consulted online resources and spoke to the person running the LRSWMD's compost facility regarding a fair price. Based on the information she collected and the repairs needed to the windrow turner, she felt the price offered the Village was fair. Walter made a motion to sell the windrow turner for \$1,000 and Bob seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed

### **Discussion of Water/Wastewater Staffing Options**

Meredith presented an updated comparison of internal staff costs versus contractor costs, which accounted for the pick-up costs being transferred to the contractor. Meredith also presented the most recent version of the contract for water/wastewater staffing. She indicated it had been sent to the Village attorney for a final review, but it appeared to be quite close to the version our attorney previously recommended. Walter made a motion to authorize Meredith to sign the three-year contract with Utility Partners for water/wastewater staffing contingent on final approval from the Village attorney and Scott seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.



### **Discussion of Parker & Stearns Closing**

Gordy mentioned that he spoke directly with Chan Parker about the closure of Parker & Stearns and that he offered the assistance of the Village. The Trustees asked Meredith to reach out to our legislators regarding economic development assistance and help for laid off employees.

### **Executive Session for a Personnel Matter**

Walter made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:45 and Dave seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. Scott Meyer recused himself at 6:45 and left the meeting. Walter made a motion to exit Executive Session at 6:54 and Dave seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.