

service the Town has been receiving. The Board expressed their satisfaction with the services being received from the Sheriff's office however did remind the officers the need to patrol back roads versus Route 128.

Captain Major and Lieutenant Stebbins recommend the Town consider year round services to provide consistency. They also suggested looking into a joining Jericho and Underhill to combine services to save money. The Board suggested the officers come to a meeting later this year when the Board is drafting the budget to discuss additional funds for year round service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Dave Adams made a motion to approve the July 10, 2014 minutes as written, seconded by Alex Weinhagen. Motion passed: 3-0.

PERSONNEL POLICY

The Board needs to review the Personnel Policy to make changes to reflect the recently approved Town Charter. Nanette made some changes and presented the marked up version to the Board for discussion at a future meeting.

DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY

Nanette advised that she compared the Personnel Policy to the Drug & Alcohol Policy. There is only a few spots where the Personnel Policy references things in the D & A Policy. VLCT has provided some guidance for sections within the D & A Policy. The Board will review the policy and discuss it at a future meeting.

SPILLER LOT

ReSource looked at the house and determined that this project does not fit their focus of deconstruction and salvaging. The Fire Dept. is not interested in using the building for an exercise.

The Board decided to contact a firm to determine if there is lead and/or asbestos in the building. Once this is determined, the Board can go out for quotes to demolish the building.

CHART OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Treasurer's office updated the Board with a change in the Chart of Accounts. The Reserve Funds and Fixed Assets will be segregated within the General Fund. They will be set up the same way the Highway Department, Rec Department and Library are set up. This change will make reporting simpler and more transparent.

FY'15 TAX RATE

Bob advised that when the Selectboard was drafting the FY'15 budget, the gross amount of the Grand List was used. Unfortunately due to changes in staff, this was an oversight. Exemptions, such as Current Use and Veteran's Exemption, were not subtracted from the Grand List figure. This resulted in the tax rate being higher than depicted in the Town Report. Staff have been put on notice therefore this should not occur again.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL WARRANTS

The Board approved the accounts payable and payroll warrants.

EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT

The chair signed an Excess Weight Permit for Darryl Hayden.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alex Weinhagen made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation, seconded by Dave Adams. Motion passed: 3-0. People in attendance were Bob Bancroft, Alex Weinhagen, Dave Adams and Nanette Rogers. The Board exited Executive Session at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Bob advised that the Mathieu's are in default of the \$25,200 fine imposed by the Environmental Court. The amount was due by June 10, 2014. It is very frustrating that the Mathieus appear to be doing what they have done in the past, taking care of things the way they want to without consulting with the Town first. The Mathieus have remitted two \$5,000 checks since June 10th.

As a result of the delinquent payment, Dave Adams made a motion to assess interest based on a simple annual interest rate of 12% (pursuant to 12 V.S.A. section 2903(c) for interest on a judgment lien and/or 9 V.S.A. section 41a(a) for interest on the use of money). When a payment is remitted, the amount shall first be applied to accrued interest, with the balance being applied to the court assessed fine. Seconded by Alex Weinhagen. Motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Bancroft, Chair
Selectboard

Nanette Rogers
Town Clerk

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