

JOINT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
Rockingham Selectboard & Bellows Falls Village Trustees
October 11, 2016

Present:

BF Trustees: Myles Mickle, Colin James, Stefan Golec, Evelyn Weeks, Steve Adams
Rockingham Selectboard: Lamont Barnett, Peter Golec, Ann DiBernardo, Stefan Golec (Absent: Joshua Hearne)

Also Present: Willis Stearns, II, Municipal Manager; Kerry Bennett, Recording Clerk;
Development Director Emmett Dunbar; Deborah Wright

Press: KMO, FACTTV; Tory Jones Bonenfant, Eagle Times

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Bellows Falls Village President Myles Mickle

Additions to the Agenda for Routine Administrative Matters and/or Pressing Matters that will require ratification at a future meeting: Stearns stated that he had 2 items to add.

- The CDBG Grant Application for Chroma Technology will be presented on Thursday and the Selectboard needs to appoint a member to present this to the grant committee. *Peter Golec made the motion that the Board appoints Lamont Barnett as its representative for this item. Motion was seconded by Stefan Golec. Motion passed.*
- Stearns stated the second item was to introduce Development Director Emmett Dunbar who started working today and will be working 25 hours per week.

Approve Minutes of August 30, 2016: *Peter Golec made the motion to approve the minutes of August 30, 2016 as printed. Motion was seconded by Lamont Barnett. Motion passed.*

Public Comment on items not on the Agenda: None

Agenda:

1. 2017 Health Insurance:
 - a) Approve BCBS VT as Town/Village insurer &
 - b) Continue with employee reimbursement program: Stearns reminded the Board that the health insurance is calendar driven not fiscal year calendar and a 10% increase had been calculated and 10% will be calculated for the next budget also. Stearns noted that the two insurers in Vermont were BCBS VT and MVP. Although MVP has a slightly lower rate, the coverage is better with BCBS. Barnett asked about the reimbursement program and Bennett explained that this was adopted by the Joint Board 2 years ago and the program reimburses the employees on the insurance for ½ of their maximum out of pocket expenses.

Peter Golec made the motion that the Rockingham Selectboard continues with the 3 plans offered to employees through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont and continues with the reimbursement program as established. Motion was seconded by Ann DiBernardo. Motion passed.

Steve Adams made the motion that the Bellows Falls Trustees continues with the 3 plans offered to employees through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont and continues with the reimbursement program as established. Motion was seconded by Evelyn Weeks. Motion passed.

2. Appoint 1 Selectboard member and 1 Trustee for union negotiations:

Ann DiBernardo made the motion that the Selectboard appoint Lamont Barnett as its representative for union negotiations. Motion was seconded by Peter Golec. Motion passed.

Evelyn Weeks made the motion that the Bellows Falls Trustees appoints Colin James as its representative for union negotiations. Motion was seconded by Steve Adams. Motion passed.

Other Business:

- Peter Golec asked if anyone was planning to attend the SEveds Annual Meeting. Stearns stated that he would most likely attend.
- Peter Golec also asked about a questionnaire from VLCT for fire departments. Stearns stated that this has been forwarded to the 3 fire chiefs for response.
- Stearns noted that the Bridge Street Bridge will remain open. However, when the inspectors were here from the State they did discuss the Depot Street Bridge, that this should have been repaired 3 years ago and that the load limit has now been reduced to 16,000 lbs. James asked why this was 3 years behind. DiBernardo stated it was due to budget cuts. Barnett noted that he was present for this discussion on the Depot Street Bridge and the Board will need to address this during the budget process.
- DiBernardo brought up animal control and the Windham County Humane Society as our poundkeeper suggesting that we possibly use Springfield. Stearns stated that State Statute requires that this remains within Windham County and Springfield is in Windsor County.

Adjourn: *Lamont Barnett made the motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion was seconded by Colin James. Motion passed.*

Attest: _____
Kerry Bennett, Recording Clerk