

TOWN OF HIGHGATE SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING

Monday, April 23, 2018 @ 5pm

Approved Minutes

NOTE: All actions taken are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Bousquet, Chair @ 5:01pm.

Highgate Selectboard Members – Sharon Bousquet, Chair; Bruce Butler; Randy Connelly. Josh LaRocque and Steve Lafar were absent.

Highgate Office Staff – Heidi Britch-Valenta - Town Administrator & Grant Administrator

Public / Other – Joe Severy; Joe Depatie, Fire Chief

This meeting was called for the specific purpose of reviewing bids for roof repair and making a decision.

B. Public Comment

Joe Severy was present to discuss his concerns for the neighborhood dog owned by the Downes Family. Severy said that the dog was at his house again this weekend and was aggressive with his dog and children in the yard. He told Ronald Downes that he would kill the dog if it came back on his property. Ronald Downes called the State Police and they came and spoke with Mr. Downes. The Board let Severy know that there had been a nuisance dog hearing and the Board agreed if the dog got out that they would pick it up. Severy said he would fill out a written complaint. Amy Cowan has sent Wendi another complaint during the day about the events over the weekend. Vonnie LaMotte, ACO had met with the VT State Police that evening to go pick up the dog.

The Board offered their support and said they are trying to take care of the situation.

C. Fire Department Personnel Issue

Chief, Joe Depatie asked for time with the Board to discuss a personnel issue. Sharon Bousquet made a motion to go into executive session at 5:25pm. Randy Connelly seconded the motion. **APPROVED.**

Randy made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:05, Bruce seconded the motion. **APPROVED**

Bruce made a motion to impose a disciplinary action on an officer for a serious violation of the Fire Department Bylaws. Randy seconded the motion. **APPROVED.**

Sharon made a motion to accept a request for appointments for a new order of officers for the Fire Department as follows:

Chief- Joe Depatie
Assistant Chief- Gary Greenough
Captain- Ralph Comiskey
Lieutenant- John Gale
Second Lieutenant- vacant until elections in May
Randy seconded the motion. **APPROVED**

D. Roof Repair

We have two bids from R&A Enterprises and VT Copper dba: Slate Affair. R&A – \$35,500.00. *VT Copper Inc* –\$27,500.00; *Replacement of roof in the valley areas only, including valleys and metal panels attached to the valleys. Also included is replacement to cupola details \$90,000.00; Replacement of all roofing and cupola details \$170,000.00.* R&A noted that when they went up on the roof there was a lot of pitting and it should also be painted or will start to rust. R&A will be doing the school roof in August.

The Board had asked for further information at the last Selectboard meeting and each vendor had sent answers to the questions.

Randy made a motion to accept the bid from R&A Enterprises for \$35,500 to do the work outlined in the bid. Bruce seconded the motion. **APPROVED.**

The Board asked for a price to complete the whole roof and they would consider this option at the next meeting.

E. Adjournment

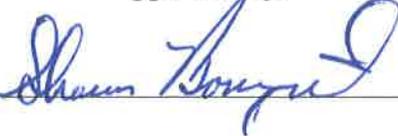
Sharon made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 6:50pm. The motion was seconded by Randy – **APPROVED.**

Respectfully submitted by,



Heidi Britch-Valenta, Town Administrator

Minutes approved by,



Sharon Bousquet - Chair, Highgate Selectboard