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Minutes of the Special Select Board meeting of January 23, 2017, Bridport Town Office, 9 A.M.

Members present: Leonard Barrett, Chair, Joan Huestis, Clerk, Jerry Forbes, and Earl Audet. Not present Sue Walker

Others present: Irene Zaccor, Town Treasurer and David Bronson

Meeting was called to order by chair Leonard Barrett at 9 A.M.

Budget:

The budget figures were finalized pending further review of the board.

Other Business:

Lister Chairperson:

Steve Bourgeois, Chair of the Listers requested a pay increase. Motion was made by Earl Audet and seconded by Jerry Forbes to raise Steve's pay to \$12.00 per hour. There was no discussion. Motion passed. All in favor.

Flag Pole:

The following will be Article 32 of the Town of Bridport Warning: Will the legal voters authorize the Select Board to spend up to \$7,500.00 from accumulated surplus for the purpose of replacing the Town flagpole?

Sunderland Bridge:

The following will be Article 31 of the Town of Bridport Warning: Will the legal voters authorize the Select Board to spend up to \$325,000.00 for the purpose of replacing the Crown Point Road bridge (Sunderland Bridge) contingent on receiving a state grant and using accumulated surplus to complete the project?

Interest Increase on Delinquent Taxes:

The following will be Article 30 of the Town of Bridport Warning: Will the legal voters approve of there being due and payable on all taxes remaining unpaid at the end of the calendar month in which they are due, interest at the rate of one percent per calendar month, or fraction thereof, for the following three calendar months and thereafter at the rate of one and one-half percent per calendar month, or a fraction thereof, (such interest shall be imposed on a fraction of a calendar month as if it were an entire calendar month) ; effective as of December 1, 2017?

Bid to repair Town Gazebo and Town Office:

Motion was made by Earl Audet and seconded by Jerry Forbes to accept the bid from Jason McNolty, DBA Recovery Restoration L.L.C., 3162 US Route 7, Pittsford, VT 05763, the bid came in at \$6835.91 for repairs to the Gazebo and \$3116.15 for the town office. There was discussion about the gazebo roof being a standing seam roof. Motion passed. All in favor.

Public Comment:

David Bronson pointed out to the Select Board that the words “from accumulated surplus” should be added to the article for the Sunderland Bridge in the Town Warning.

David Bronson brought to the Board’s attention the state statutes for posting public agendas for Special meetings and for Regular business meetings.

David Bronson brought to the Board’s attention the statutes in regard to posting the Bridport Town Warning for Town Meeting Day. Since the Town Reports are not being delivered to each household this year, the Warning must be posted in the Addison Independent, Town Clerks Office and 2 other places of business in the town. The postal patron card mailed recently from the auditors should not have contained a ‘request by date’ for requesting a printed copy of the 2016 Bridport Town Report. The request for a printed copy cannot be limited by a date according to State Statute.

Motion was made by Jerry Forbes and seconded by Earl Audet to adjourn the meeting at 10:47. Motion passed. All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned

Joan Huestis, Clerk