

Town of Bakersfield
Bakersfield VT
Regular Meeting of the Select Board
Bakersfield Town Hall
Monday, December 28, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Brian Westcom	David Ovitt	Lance Lawyer
Kim Ovitt	William Newett	Kathy Westcom
Justin Rocque	Danny Hale	Marc Roberts
Hon. Bob Johnson	Hon. Kelly Gosselin	

Agenda

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Previous Minutes
 - Minutes from December 14th meeting accepted
- b. Reports/Warrants

Road Commissioners Orders	\$ 9,713.41
Selectmen's Orders	\$ 123,353.77
Equipment Repair Orders	\$ 30,000.00
- c. Finance
- d. Other

2. Visitors

- a. Danny Hale and Justin Rocque-VASA

The Select Board invited representatives from VASA to come and discuss possible solutions to the ATV issues the Town of Bakersfield is facing.

 - 1. VASA needs to be a part of the community to help manage the ATV issues including; enforcement, education and safety concerns. This means that a formal VASA Club needs to be established in the town.

2. VASA states that they are aware that the Franklin County Sheriff's Department is not active in the Town of Bakersfield and can offer some enforcement support through partnerships they have fostered once a formal club has been established.
3. The Select Board needs to establish a Bakersfield Town ATV Ordinance .VASA representatives will be happy to review this ordinance and make recommendations prior to the next Select Board meeting. They will email this to David.
4. VASA will be looking to establish a new location for a Trail Head within the town limits.
5. VASA will be back to meet with the Select Board on February 22nd.

b. Franklin County Assistant Judges-Budget

Hon. Bob Johnson and Hon. Kelly Gosselin came to discuss the 2016-2017 County Budgets.

1. The Select Board wanted to know specifically how much of the budget Bakersfield was providing for coverage from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and what the town could and should expect for that money.
2. Bakersfield is accountable for 2.3% of the Franklin County Budget. The overall County Budget for Fiscal Year Ending 2017 will be increasing by \$ 14,000.00.
3. The Selectmen brought to the attention of the Assistant Judges their concern about lack of support and coverage from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department for the town. Specifically they are requesting clarification regarding the need to for a "contract" as stated by the current Sheriff Norris. The Assistant Judges agreed to follow up with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and Sheriff Norris and get back to the Select Board with answers before the February 22nd Select Board meeting. The Select Board would like to see an accounting for the time allocated for coverage of the Town of Bakersfield and what our tax dollars are going towards.
4. Hon. Bob Johnson stated he would be happy to review the ATV Ordinance for the Town and County if we would like to ensure it will be enforceable. The Assistant Judges also stated that the Select Board should feel free to contact them at any time during the year if there are concerns or issues.

3. Road

a. Road Report

Brian has provided a quote from Tractor Supply for a 3 Point Hitch mower attachment for the Kubota tractor of \$1,500.00

4. Board Business

a. Appointments for open positions/recurring positions (ongoing until filled)

b. Future Agenda

c. Other

The Select Board will need to have multiple meetings in January to be prepared for the Town Meeting warning to go out on time. It was suggested that we meet every Monday night in January, except for the 4th. The 11th and the 25th are regular monthly meetings and the 18th will be a special meetings to prepare the agenda and the budget. If there is a need for more time to prepare the budget, there will be dates added at the end of the month to accomplish that.

The letter to Paul and Nancy Pikna was mailed on Tuesday December 29th, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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