

Town of Bakersfield
Bakersfield VT
Regular Meeting of the Select Board
Bakersfield Town Hall
Monday, February 8, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Brian Westcom

David Ovitt

Lance Lawyer

Kim Ovitt

William Newett

Kathy Westcom

Mark Allen

Sgt. W. Ruprecht

Robert Norris

Agenda

1. Consent Agenda

a. Previous Minutes

Minutes from January 25th meeting accepted

b. Reports/Warrants

Road Commissioners Orders

\$ 7,029.36

Selectmen's Orders

\$ 4,819.66

c. Finance

EOM Treasurer's report for January reviewed.

d. Other

2. Visitors

a. Robert Norris-Sheriff's Department

The Select Board sent a proposed ATV Town Ordinance to Mr. Norris looking for suggestions and comments and also wanted to discuss coverage and "presence" in the Town of Bakersfield.

1. Enforcement: The Sherriff's Department is committed to making a "reasonable attempt" at stopping ATV ordinance violators. This Approach is a little different from the State response which is based on a "no pursuit" principle.

2. The Select Board has requested that there be a greater "presence" from the Sherriff's Department in the town. Mr. Norris has agreed

that this will happen and in fact has already started that initiative over the past 2 weeks. The Selectmen agreed that they have seen this increase presence already.

3. Mr. Norris clarified where the Town of Bakersfield's tax contribution gets applied in the budget. The majority of these funds are applied to office space expense, insurance and other operating budget items like these.
4. Mr. Norris also clarified that coverage from the Sherriff's Department is over and above what is supposed to be covered by the State Police. The State Police are the primary coverage provider. Towns can purchase additional coverage from the Sherriff's Department on a contract basis payment process.
5. Mr. Norris and the Sherriff's Department will be happy to meet with Mr. Hale regarding enforcement options for ATV's once the Town of Bakersfield has meet with Mr. Hale.
6. All parties agreed that communication needs to improve between the Town of Bakersfield and the Sherriff's Department.

Comments on the Proposed Ordinance from the Sheriff's Department:

1. Limits for liability insurance have not been documented. General minimums are \$25,000/\$50,000 and \$10,000 for uninsured.
2. Enosburg Town has a pretty good ATV Ordinance that the Select Board might want to look at as a guide.
3. Does the Town Clerk have Ordinance Books for tickets? We would need to get Municipal Ordinance Books if we are going to have tickets written on our own ordinances.
4. All Municipal Ordinances need to be stamped and recorded and sent to the Sherriff's Department to be kept on file. Do we have any of this done as yet?

3. Road

a. Road Report

Mac will be contacting Mr. Ruggiano regarding gravel pit Act 250 application amendments and guidelines.

Mark will take down the fire escape on the Town Hall building this week.
2/8-2/12/2016.

4. Board Business

- a. Appointments for open positions/recurring positions (ongoing until filled)
- b. Harold Westcom-Haying Lease:

Harold Westcom will pay \$2000.00 to lease or use the gravel pit hay and pasture land. He will make payments of \$250.00 per month for 8 months.

c. Mike Gawne Information:

The Mediation Meeting for the Tillotson vs. Gates concern will be held on February 26th, 2016 at 10:00am. Lance and Brian will attend as representatives of the Town.

d. Future Agenda

Mr. Hale

e. Other

1. David Graves called Lance stating that his neighbor, Mr. Bannister, has been burning asphalt shingles. Lance let him know that this issue was not in his jurisdiction and to contact Barry Domina at NWSWD. Mr. Graves then called the Bakersfield Fire Department who responded to the call. Barry Domina will take the information from the Fire Department call as well as from the complaint and will follow up with any enforcement process deemed necessary.
2. Kathy needs to purchase a pen scanner for the Voter Checklist paperwork. The cost will be approximately \$89.99. Lance made a motion to purchase said scanner. All approved, motion passed.
3. Bids for cleaning of the Town Hall were accepted and closed. Heather Jewett \$275.00 and Sonya Peck \$200.00. Lance made a motion to accept Sonya Peck's bid. All in favor, motion passed.
4. Eric Jessiman followed up on a loose dog concern from the week of 1/25/2016. A verbal warning was given to Mr. Barry, the owner of the dog, to get all dogs registered. Eric provided Mr. Barry the regulations and gave him 2 weeks to get all of the dogs registered or he will be cited.
5. The Town Hall needs to have a ramp placed in the back room area for access during Town Meeting.
6. Kim will research grant opportunities for options to make the 2nd floor handicap accessible to meet government regulations.
7. The Select Board discussed what to do about the furniture on the 2nd floor that was part of the Teen Center. Kim will contact Robin Erickson and find out what was Teen Center property and if she would like to handle getting that all out of the building. Anything left over will be assumed to be property of the Town and can be disposed of as determined by the Select Board. The Fairfield Community Center might be a place to contact regarding those items left to see if they could use them before we place everything

in the trash. Rachel Huff is on the board of the Fairfield Community Center and would be a goof contact when we are ready.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.