

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2023

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 6:00 pm at the Community Center in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Zeke Goodband, Maria Glabach, David Baxendale, Alex Wilson

Members absent:

Also present: Peter Kelleher-BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by David and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from March 22, 2023.

Warrants:

On a motion by David and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of warrants 20, 20P, Capital Fund #11 & Ratify 19R.

ARPA Funding:

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the purchase of the outdoor furnace for the Highway garage and the Covered Bridge oak decking.

Public Comments: None

Road Foreman's Report:

FEMA update: None

The crew has been working on cleaning up downed trees and limbs along the roads and grading.

Lee will attend the meeting in a few weeks. He is hoping to put the paving of East-West Road to the Center out to bid. He has a grant of \$200,000.00 to use over three years and he will use a portion of it for this section.

Green Mountain Power will attend the April 19th meeting to discuss the storm response.

Correspondence for Information:

Alex attended the VLCT Selectboard training.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action: None

New Business:

ARPA Updates & Discussion: None

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to make the following appointment: DV Communications Union District – David Evans as alternate

On a motion by David and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to accept Terry Chapman's resignation from the Selectboard and Cemetery Committee. The Board thanks Terry for her many years of service to the Town.

Zeke will ask Laurie to post the open Selectboard seat on the Town website. Anyone interested should email the Board at selectboard@dummerston.org or mail a letter to the Town Office.

The Board briefly discussed the Sugar Mountain Holdings (Maple Valley) appeal. Although, the consensus of the Board was favorable to Sugar Mountain Holdings, no action was taken to attend or submit an opinion. Historically, the Board has remained neutral regarding private land development and appeals. Alex will contact the Conservation Commission as they have been following the process.

Zeke will look further into the Opioid Settlement, but the inclination of the Board is to allow the funds to go into the county fund.

The Board reviewed the Fire Truck contract which came in at \$489,427. The voters approved an amount not to exceed \$500,000 including loan interest. The consensus of the Board was, they were not comfortable signing the contract knowing it will exceed \$500,000. Alex asked if ARPA funds could be used for the balance. The Fire Department has already received ARPA funds for several projects.

On a motion by David and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to set a special town meeting for Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 pm at the Dummerston Community Center to ask the voters to consider an additional \$100,000.00 for a total cost not to exceed \$600,000.00 including loan interest for a new fire truck. Zeke will contact Moderator Cindy Jerome. Maria will type warning and Zeke will get it to Laurie for posting.

The Conservation Commission sent a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding monitoring and maintenance of the proposed steps at the Covered Bridge. The Board felt it was good and no action was taken.

On a motion by Maria and second from David the Board voted 4-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 6:40 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Liquor & Tobacco License Renewal for Circle K on Route 30.

On a motion by Maria and second from David the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 6:41 pm.

Unfinished Business:

Recreation Board – Go Fund Me Account Request – tabled. Zeke will contact Maeve and check in with Charlotte.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from David, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk