

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2023

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

Members present: Zeke Goodband, Maria Glabach, Alex Wilson, Lewis White

Members absent: Todd Davidson

Also present: Harold & Jean Newell, Paul & Jody Normandeau, Bill Holiday, Ruth Hoffman, Lew & Gail Sorenson, Charlotte Neer-Annis, Laurie Frechette, Betsy Bates, Susan Daigler, Ed Anthes, MaryEllen Copeland, Lee Chamberlin, Ray Enello, Pastor Shawn Bracebridge, Brian Guerino-BCTV

Many residents began arriving during the meeting for the Special Town Meeting.

Minutes:

On a motion by Alex and second from Lewis the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from June 14, 2023.

Warrants:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of warrants 26, 26P & Cemetery Fund #3.

ARPA Funding:

Ray Enello and Pastor Shawn Bracebridge from the Dummerston Congregational Church discussed their request for ARPA funds to replace a tent. The replacement cost of the tent is \$9,615.01. The Church has little to no funds to contribute towards the cost. It was suggested that in the future, when other organizations use the tent, perhaps a donation should be considered. There were several questions regarding churches getting ARPA funds. Zeke will contact VLCT for more clarification.

Public Comments:

There were several comments from the public regarding the Fire Department truck purchase and the need for the Fire Department to be transparent with their financial reports.

Road Foreman's Report:

After discussion, the Highway garage roof repair estimates were tabled. The eaves, as well as the chimney definitely need to be repaired. The Board asked Lee to get estimates to replace the entire roof. Then the Board will decide to either repair or replace the roof.

Zeke has contact the Sheriff's Department regarding speeding through Dummerston Center. They will set up the speed cart. They had used up their contracted hours in May.

East-West Road milling will take place on 6/27 and base coat paving will be on 6/28 and the final topcoat will be after 7/4.

Lee is still waiting on estimate regarding rumble strips on Middle Road. The company told Lee, it was unusual to place rumble strips when the posted speed was under 45 mph.

The Road Crew has been working on Grant In Aid ditching on Black Mountain, Dutton Farm, and Kipling Roads.

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 4-0 to approve and sign the Cost of Living increase for the Carpenter Pit. The price went up .46 for a total of \$\$3.79 per cubic yard.

Correspondence for Information:

Zeke will inquire about the Flood Resilient Communities Fund regarding the Slab Hollow erosion.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

Follow-up regarding the VLCT PACIF report on necessary updates needed at the Community Center. No updates from the Community Center.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to sign the Financial Management form from the Treasurer.

Special Town Meeting:

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 4-0 to recess the meeting to start the Special Town Meeting at 6:55 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to reconvene the meeting at 7:50 pm.

New Business:

ARPA Updates & Discussion:

The request from DV Fiber was tabled as additional grant funds may be available.

The Board asked Lee to get estimates to replace the Highway garage roof.

Garage wiring - tabled

Lee and Charlotte requested ARPA funds to cover highway FY 23 budget overages of \$10,975.37. This figure may increase if additional invoices are received before the end of the fiscal year. Charlotte told the Board the General Fund will have about \$51,417.36 surplus and that this could be used to offset the Highway Fund deficit.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to use the General Fund surplus to cover the Highway Fund deficit.

On a motion by Zeke and second from Lewis the Board voted 3-0 with Alex abstaining to write a letter of support for Green Mountain Conservancy to purchase additional land. No funds are being requested. Zeke will contact them for a template letter to write.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Lewis to sign end of fiscal year warrants if needed.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 8:10 pm.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 3-0 with Zeke abstaining to approve the Liquor License renewals for Scott Farm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Unfinished Business: None

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Lewis, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk