

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2023

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

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

Also present: Laurie Frechette, Charlotte Annis, Dave Schottland, Jeanne Bristol, Phyllis Emery, Ruth Hoffman, Gail Sorenson, Harold & Jean Newell, Larry Pratt, Leon Dunbar, Dan Ridlehoover, Luke Evans, David Shaw, Dena Marger, Chandra Bossard, Ezlerh Oreste-BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 with Todd abstaining to approve the minutes from November 1, 2023.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 with to approve the minutes from November 8, 2023.

Warrants:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 10, 10P & Recreation Board #1. Warrant 10 includes ARPA funds to the Community Center.

ARPA Funding: None

Public Comments:

The Board met with Library Trustees, Dave Schottland, Phyllis Emery, and Jeanne Bristol. The library budget request is for \$35,320. Lewis stated this is an 88% increase from last year. One resident spoke in favor of the library. The library would like to increase the open hours to 20 a week and also hire a librarian assistant. As well, as increase the librarian's hourly wage to \$20.00.

The Board met with Fire Department members, Larry Pratt (Chief), Leon Dunbar, Dan Ridlehoover, David Shaw and Luke Evans. The Fire Department's budget request is \$101,968.00. They presented to the Board, their financial statement for July 2022- June 2023.

They also brought to the Boards attention, that they received an overpayment of ARPA funds for electrical work completed. The ARPA funds allocated was \$16,905.00, actual expended was \$6,350.00. The difference of \$10,555.00 should be returned to the Town's ARPA fund and the Fire Department can get estimates for a different project and submit a request for fund allocation.

Road Foreman's Report:

Lewis reported that an over the guardrail mower was rented for a week and Lee is thinking about renting it again next year. The crew has been working on grading and blowing leaves out of ditches.

Correspondence for Information:

Lewis questioned the Sheriff's report. He feels that not enough tickets are being handed out given the hours spent in Town.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

Update regarding Salmon Brook erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program:

Three areas were approved for grants:

Boyd Road – Perry \$200,000, property owner's 25% is \$50,000.

Schoolhouse Road – Thibault & Bolster \$340,000, property owners 25% is \$85,000.

East West Road – C. Bolster \$44,000, property owners 25% is \$11,000.

Todd will follow up with property owners.

The Board received a request from Representative Mike Mrowick to meet. Zeke will give him a few dates and let him decide.

New Business:

ARPA Updates & Discussion: No updates.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to renew the current MVP Health Insurance Reflective Plan #4QHDHP.

The Board received a request to sign discharge mortgage paperwork from VT State Housing Authority regarding Route 5 trailer park. The Town Attorney reviewed the paperwork and recommended to sign the discharge.

On a motion by Zeke and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to delegate Lewis to sign the paperwork and have it notarized.

Todd attended the Regional Policing Meeting at the Sheriff's Department. It is very similar to the Animal Control program. Area Towns will contract based on population. The consensus of the Board was to continue to look into regional policing.

Unfinished Business: None

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Alex, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Given the late hour, the Board did not work on the budget. Updated worksheets were handed out for everyone to review for the budget meeting on November 22nd.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk