

UNAPPROVED

Prior to the meeting the Board spoke with two people, one interested in the Cemetery Committee and the other interested in the Emergency Management Director.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2024

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

Members present: Maria Glabach, Alex Wilson, Todd Davidson, Tom Nolan, Paul Adler

Members absent:

Also present: Claudia Blocher, Natalie Blake, Jack Manix, Lee Chamberlin, Larry Pratt, Leon Dunbar, Peter Kelleher-BCTV

Present on Zoom: Alyssa Sabetto, Laurie Frechette, Beverly Tier, Terry Chapman, Gail Sorenson, Chris Brown

Minutes:

On a motion by Paul and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from March 20, 2024.

Warrants:

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 20 & 20P.

ARPA Funding:

Warrant 20 included payments to the Community Center for the basement air exchanger & boiler fresh air \$5,285.00.

Warrant 20 also includes payments to the Fire Department for helmets, \$6,021.00.

Public Comments: None

Road Foreman's Report:

West Village – ROW/Town road update: Eliza has been pulling deeds and history to give to the attorney for review. The attorney will let us know our options. Natalie Blake explained her situation and concerns on how to access the back of her property if the road is thrown up.

Stormwater Municipal Road Permit is due April 1st – Lee briefly talked about this and stated it needs to be completed and was okay to pay for it.

PACIF Report regarding the Highway Garage – Lee as reviewed the report and is working on areas needing attention. The fire extinguisher inspection will be done in April.

Trash dumped on Stickney Brook Road – Lee has looked for the trash and cannot find it.

Lee discussed a PACIF Grant Application for lighting in the garage. He has completed the form requesting \$4,036.97. The Town needs to cover 50%. The Energy Committee has previously committed some funds for this.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign the 2024 PACIF Grant Application for \$4,036.97 for garage lighting.

Lee has noted that the oil furnace has broken down and is not fixable. He is looking into the possibility of a heat pump for the office, bathroom and tool room areas. He stated there is no rush on this, just something to think about before next winter.

Correspondence for Information: No discussion

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

Update regarding Salmon Brook erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program: It is at the stage of needing engineering estimates. Cory Ross is working on Requests for Proposals (RFP).

Todd clarified the history of the Middle Road property. This is private property and that the Town has no plan to move forward on this.

Dummerston Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) review/I-91 emergency ramp access. The Board discussed the proposed action step with Alyssa from Windham Regional Commission, Fire Department representatives, and residents present at length. Claudia Blocher voiced concern that this was added within the last 3-4 weeks. Jack Manix thought the property owners effected by this proposal should have been contacted. The Fire Department would like to see it remain in the plan, as it would allow them to apply for additional grant funds and by responding to incidents on I91, they could then have billable incident time to parties involved. Maria suggested that the Fire Department try accessing the highway at Exit 4 to see how that would work before proposing an emergency ramp and/or change the wording in the plan that the Town would explore the possibility of a ramp, not specify a location or set a timeline. Also, delete that Town funding would be included. Everyone thought this was a good compromise. It was decided that Alyssa will rewrite this action step and send to the Board for review.

VEM – LHMP Development Quarterly Report Due 4/15 – Todd submitted.

The Board received a request from Landmark Trust for a letter of support for a grant they are applying for. Alex read a letter he composed for Todd to sign. Maria noted that historically the Board has not endorsed projects on private property.

On a motion by Tom and second from Paul the Board voted 4-0 with Maria abstaining to approve signing the letter of support.

New Business:

ARPA Updates – None

On a motion by Maria and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to make the following appointments:

Social Services Advisory Committee – Bill Pelz-Walsh, Nancy Pelz-Walsh, Sandra Campbell, Libby Lafland, Terri Robinson, Elsa Waxman

Cemetery Committee – Priscilla Adler
EMD – Rich Cogliano

The Board and Laurie talked about the procedure for the Cemetery Committee. Paul will write up something to be posted on the Town website directing people to contact the Town Office regarding Town cemeteries, then Laurie will direct them to a member of the Committee.

Covered Bridge steps construction timeline – tabled until next meeting.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 7:45 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the following items:

J.W. Sandri – tobacco license, tobacco substitute endorsement, 2nd class license

Scott Farm – 1st class commercial caterer, 3rd class commercial kitchen, 2nd class license, outside consumption permit

Windham Wines LLC – catering requests for events at Scott Farm on 6/1/24 & 8/17/24
From 4-10 pm

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Unfinished Business:

Investing Farmland Protection Fund Monies - tabled

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Alex, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Alex Wilson, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk