

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2020

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 6:00 pm via Zoom online conferencing in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Zeke Goodband, Maria Glabach, Jerelyn Wilson, Terry Chapman, David Baxendale

Members absent: none

Also present: Michael Silberman, Jean Newell, Lee Chamberlin, & Austin Rice-BCTV.

Minutes:

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from June 17, 2020.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 1, 1P, & Ratify #27, Cemetery Fund #4, Capital Fund #6 & Reappraisal Fund #12.

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Internal Financial Control Checklist received from Charlotte, Treasurer.

Public Comments: None

Road Foreman's Report:

At our previous meeting the following loader bids were opened:

Nortrax, Springfield, VT John Deere 524L \$147,500 – 23,000 trade in = \$124,500
John Deere 544L \$172,500 – 23,000 trade in = \$149,500

On a motion by Maria and second from Jerelyn the Board voted 5-0 to accept the bid from Nortrax for the John Deere 544L payloader for \$149,500.00. Lee will sign the agreement.

Lee gave the following summary of activities:

Installed underdrain on Quarry Rd, Bunker Rd, & Greenhoe Rd
Installed culverts on Miller Rd, Greenhoe Rd, Park Loughton Rd, & Spaulding Hill Rd
Maintenance work on the 2014 Dodge truck
Swept the covered bridge
Made sand
Worked on Town Office building maintenance
Spot grading

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve the curb cut request from Putney Mountain Association at the end of Hague Road received from Carolyn Mayo-Brown. Lee was fine with the request. The driveway is for access to parking area for trail access.

The Town Office building porch outlets are not working. It was the consensus of the Board to have Lee contact an electrician to look into it.

Lee has picked up several bags of trash left in the parking lot at the covered bridge. He doesn't mind picking up bags left, but is not comfortable going under the bridge and cleaning the area up.

The Dummerston Center Cemetery would like to put in a sign at the end of a driveway on East-West Rd and has asked Lee for help. Lee doesn't mind putting in a post. The consensus of the Board was Lee could install the post & sign if it meets all zoning requirements and property owner permission.

Lee has a young man (16/17 years old) who would like to work in the town cemeteries to straighten stones. He would be paid out of the Cemetery Fund. One of the road crew members would get him started but not constantly supervise him. It was suggested that given his age that Lee get parental permission. The consensus of the Board was in favor of letting him work in the Cemeteries.

The Conservation Commission is doing an Emerald Ash Borer inventory and they will contact Lee when completed.

The Conservation Commission has asked if the Road Crew can mow around the Rain Garden at the Covered Bridge. Lee agreed to mow the area.

Correspondence for Information: no discussion

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

SeVEDS has asked for guidance regarding their Town Meeting article. Do they need to petition or can they automatically be added to warning. David will contact VLCT for clarification.

New Business:

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign the Humane Society Contract for \$533.00 for this fiscal year.

Listers, Jean & Michael clarified NEMRC's policy regarding home visits for the reappraisal. The appraiser has been working on land and camps. NEMRC's policy is:

- Will not enter homes

- Will conduct at door interviews

- Will do outside inspections

- When restrictions are lifted, then they will go inside homes.

Terry was concerned about the accuracy of the appraisal if not going in homes. The Listers will contact the District Supervisor to set up a conference call for the end of next week. Terry and Maria will participate to get clarification. Board members should send their questions or thoughts to Terry and Maria.

The complaint of a dog running at large continues. The owner received a letter and fine, which has not been paid. Zeke mentioned that most owners will at least make an attempt to keep their dog on their property. The next step would be to go with the Town Ordinance and involve the town attorney. If another complaint is made, Terry volunteered to visit the owner along with a Sheriff.

The Board may want to review the town ordinance or contract with the Sheriff's Dept. or Brattleboro Animal Control for enforcement. Terry will check with both to get pricing to consider during budget season. David will get model ordinances from VLCT.

Unfinished Business: None

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Terry, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Selectboard Assistant