

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 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: Ed Clodfelter, Nate Stoddard, Al Coonradt – NEMRC, Jennifer Stromsten - SeVEDS, Paul Normandeau, Jean Newell, Steve Mindel & Austin Rice-BCTV.

Minutes:

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from July 1, 2020.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 2, 2P, & Recreation Fund #1.

Public Comments:

Reappraisal Update (moved up from New Business)

Ed Clodfelter, Nate Stoddard and Al Coonradt from NEMRC gave a presentation to the Board regarding the reappraisal process and NEMRC's policy. The company policy at this time is to not perform interior home inspections. The Board is concerned about the accuracy of the appraisal, without going inside homes. NEMRC is confident that an exterior site visit and speaking with property owners will result in an accurate reappraisal. If no one is home when they visit the property, they will do an exterior evaluation and a card will be left so that an appointment can then be made to revisit to speak with the owner. The Board will revisit this matter with NEMRC and the Listers.

Road Foreman's Report:

Terry read the following report from Lee:

- Cleaning culverts and spot grading
- Underdrain on Stickney Brook Rd
- Driveway culvert Sunset Lake Rd
- Underdrain n Hopkins Rd
- Concrete forms, made sand, worked on backhoe
- Cleaned up trees
- Culvert & underdrain on Park Laughton Rd

Lee ordered "no littering/\$500.00 fine" signs for the covered bridge park & ride area. The trash at the bridge is really bad. Lee feels there are two options – signage and then have Sheriff's

enforcement, or set up barriers to shut off the park & ride area. Lee spoke with Mark Pickering at VT AOT and the Town does have the right to set up barriers. Terry is also asking Lee to install no parking signs at Taft Cemetery. Terry will talk to Lee and see if an additional sign reading "Carry In/Carry Out" could also be posted. Terry will also talk with Laurie to see if she could contact the Good Samaritan and ask them to stop leaving trash bags at the covered bridge, as this may be encouraging people to leave trash. It was the consensus of the Board to try signage and revisit the matter in two weeks.

Lee is researching mowers. Parts have been difficult to get for the current mower. He will have three bids for next meeting. He is looking at brush hogs and side flail mowers. He anticipates the cost will still be within the amount in the Capital Plan.

On a motion by David and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve adding Tyler Lynch to the Town's health insurance. Zeke will let Charlotte know.

The Board received an email from a concerned resident regarding pedestrian safety on Middle Road near Dutton Farm Road. David will contact WRC to see if they will conduct a traffic survey.

Correspondence for Information:

ZA report correction – the DRB is looking for one regular member and two alternates.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

The email regarding the proposed Brattleboro Biomass Facility has been passed on to the Energy Committee. David will report back to the Board if needed.

New Business:

SeVEDS has requested that their funding request be added as an Article to the Town Meeting Warning without getting a petition. The Board has several options – 1. Continue to have them petition. 2. Establish an ordinance, which could be a time consuming process. 3. The Selectboard could place an article on the warning and set the dollar amount. The Board will revisit this at a future meeting.

A resident has requested that the speed limit be reduced to 25 MPH on Hill Rd. It is currently 35 MPH and then Lost Mile Road in Newfane is 30 MPH. David will contact WRC about a traffic survey. Terry will contact the resident.

David compared VLCT's model dog ordinance with the Towns and felt they were similar and that the Towns was adequate. Zeke felt that the Town's ordinance could be tightened up. Terry is looking into contracting animal control services out.

The dog complaint public hearing will be held on Friday 7/17.

Setting the municipal tax rate was tabled until next meeting on 7/29.

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to change the property tax due date from August 20, 2020 to September 3, 2020. Jerelyn will let Charlotte and Laurie know.

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to recess the regular meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 7:58 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Liquor Catering License Request from Windham Wines for 9/19/20 at the Scott Farm.

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:59 pm.

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 8:00 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Selectboard Assistant