

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2021

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: Susan Meggiolaro, Kristina Naylor, Thomas Nolan, Cor Trowbridge, Jean & Harold Newell, Paul & Jody Normandeau, Charlotte Annis, Laurie Frechette, Lee Chamberlin, & Rich Melanson - BCTV

Executive Session:

On a motion by Maria and second from Zeke the Board voted 5-0 to recess the regular meeting and enter Executive Session regarding a personnel matter as provided in Vermont Statute Title 1, Chapter 5, subsection 2, 313a, #1. No decisions will be made. Lee joined the session.

On a motion by Maria and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 6:15 pm.

Minutes:

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from December 30, 2020.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 15 & 15P.

Public Comments:

Charlotte asked the Board about approving joining the NEMRC Cloud in the current fiscal year. The consensus of the Board was as long there were funds in budget computer expense line then the Board did not have to preapprove.

Road Foreman's Report:

Lee submitted the following report:

- Fixing wash outs and cleaning culverts

- Plowing and sanding

- Shop work

- 2012 dump truck is out for repairs

Work has started on the Covered Bridge repair. Hoping to complete in two weeks. The bridge may be closed 1-2 days. David spoke with Mike Renaud regarding the deck planking. The road crew has already countersunk the bolts. Mike Renaud will look at it. The east end may need attention, the west end appears to be in better shape.

Certificate of Mileage was tabled until next meeting.

Lee reported that the road damage due to Christmas flooding is fixed. Lee will look at the budget to see if there is enough funds to cover a boot allowance for Ron.

Correspondence for Information:

Jody Normandeau asked about the letter received from Comcast.

Cor Trowbridge with BCTV spoke with the Board about helping to host the informational Town Meeting. Also, mentioned that BCTV requested funding increased to \$1,700.00.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action: None

New Business:

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to set the Town Meeting Informational Meeting for Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. This will be after the regular Selectboard meeting. Jerelyn will work out the details with BCTV.

Proposed Budget feedback: Charlotte mentioned the BCTV increase.

The consensus of the Board was to add the following two items to the Town Meeting Warning as Requested by the School District Board:

“Shall the voters of the Town of Dummerston authorize the Town to withdraw from the Windham Southeast School District?”

“Shall the voters of the Town of Dummerston conditionally approve and ratify the withdrawal of the Towns of Brattleboro, Guilford, and/or Putney from the Windham Southeast School District, subject to the certification of results from the respective Town votes to withdraw on March 2, 2021?”

Laurie asked when the Board would be approving the Warning and Budget. The Board is waiting on request for the County Tax. The Board will hold a special meeting on 1/20 to approve warning and budget.

Paul Normandeau asked if there was any candidates for the two open Selectboard seats. Laurie said not at this time. Consent forms are due 1/25.

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 7:00 pm.

BUDGET WORK SESSION FOLLOWING MEETING

Called to order at 7:00 pm

Public Present: Paul Normandeau

Paul pointed out a formatting error on the worksheets. This did not affect the proposed budget.

The Board discussed the Capital Plan – office computers

Also, discussed wages compared to other towns.

Terry will try to get the County Tax amount.

Maria will send worksheets and warning to the Board for Friday's budget meeting.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Selectboard Assistant