

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2021

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 7:00 pm via Zoom online conferencing in Dummerston, Vermont.

**Members present:** Zeke Goodband, Maria Glabach, Terry Chapman, Rebecca Lotka

**Members absent:** David Baxendale

**Also present:** Paul Normandeau, Galen Robinson - BCTV

**Minutes:**

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2021.

**Warrants:**

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of warrants 24, 24P, & Cemetery Fund #2.

**Public Comments:** None

**Road Foreman's Report:**

The Board received an email from Paul Normandeau, he is concerned about the Japanese Knotweed invasive near the Tucker Reed Road bridge. Paul Normandeau and Christine Geopp pull it out last year, but it has come back. His hope is the Town can determine the best approach to get rid of it. Zeke spoke with Lee Chamberlin and he will contact the VT Agency of Transportation to see what may be the best approach to getting rid of it and keep it from spreading. Rebecca will contact the Dummerston Conservation Commission. VT Agency of Natural Resources was another suggestion.

The Road Crew has been working on ditching and rip-rap along Waterman Road and grading. There will be a new employee joining the road crew at the end of the month.

**Correspondence for Information:**

The Board will review the FEMA Risk Map Data.

The Putney Mountain Missing Link Plan will connect Prospect Hill to other trails.

**Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:** None

**New Business:**

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Dena Marger as Selectboard Assistant effective June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

ARPA Funding will be money sent to the Towns through the State of Vermont. Terry attended a webinar. The State is still waiting on clarification and guidance. This may take a couple more weeks. Charlotte has attended a NEMRC meeting and will join us at the next meeting with any

updates. VLCT is hiring an ARPA Coordinator to help Towns. We have until 2024 to obligate the funds and 2026 to disperse all the funds.

The Board received a letter regarding a mold issue at a rental house. The State doesn't feel the Town should get involved. The Governor may be signing a bill to turn over any rental housing complaints from local Health Officers to the State Fire Marshall.

The Town Clerk requested that the Assistant Town Clerk hourly rate increase to the amount approved in the budget. As this was previously approved, it is up to the Town Clerk to set the rate. This was done with the current pay warrant.

There is \$6,000.00 approved in the Capital Plan for computer purchases. During the budget process the Board thought this amount would replace Charlotte's, Roger's and purchase a laptop for the Selectboard Assistant. Now, Lee's computer has "froze up" and will need to be replaced. It was the consensus of the Board to have Charlotte get pricing on four computers and see how far the budgeted amount will go. Terry will contact Charlotte.

CDC & State of VT Covid Guidance: The Governor has loosened the mask mandate. Those vaccinated, no mask required. A mask is still needed for unvaccinated. For meetings, one unvaccinated person per 50 square feet. Things are starting to open up. BCTV is doing hybrid meetings, and asking everyone to wear a mask. Town offices are starting to open up. Zeke thought the Board may be able to use the Community Center, as the meeting room is much larger than at the Town Office. If the Town office staff is comfortable reopening, then they should set the protocols. The Board will reopen the Town Office upon request from the Town Clerk. The Board will meeting via Zoom for the 6/2 meeting and see if BCTV updates their procedures. The next DRB meeting will be on Zoom.

**Unfinished Business:**

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Terry, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Approved

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Zeke Goodband, Chair

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Terry Chapman, Vice Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk