

## UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2021

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 7:00 pm at the Dummerston Community Center in Dummerston, VT.

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

**Members absent:** David Baxendale

**Also Present:** Dena Marger, Peter Kelleher (BCTV), Lee Chamberlin, Charlotte Annis, Paul Normandeau

### **Review and approve minutes of previous meeting:**

On a motion from Terry and a second from Maria, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes, pending the removal of the letters P and R from the August 11, 2021 meeting.

### **Review and approve bills for payment:**

On a motion from Terry and a second from Maria, the Board voted 4-0 to approve bills for payment 5 and 5P.

### **Recognition of visitors and public comment:**

- Paul Normandeau

### **Road Foreman's Report:**

- Storm Damage Update: A potential area has been identified on Johnson's Curve Road that may need to be repaired, but it is not in danger of washing out. He is hoping a FEMA investigator will inspect it.

The Selectboard has questions about Slab Hollow, and are wondering who might advise on it. Lee is hoping that they will be able to get this work done with funding from FEMA. It will be at least a month before someone from FEMA even comes to see the situation in Dummerston. A lot of stuff is up in the air with the big projects and we don't want to hire anything out just yet.

Re: how to pay for the storm-related repairs:

We've spent about \$178,000, according to the town treasurer. If all of that qualifies for reimbursement, the town would still be responsible for covering \$22,250. We have extra highway money from the grant last year, and we're getting \$14,000 in grant money this year, so covering our portion is not a problem. What could possibly be a problem is the possibility of being nearly \$200,000 short if we don't get reimbursed before the end of

the fiscal year. Charlotte has a call into the loan officer at the bank, asking about a line of credit or a note for \$150,000-200,000. She'll have a better idea about our current cashflow when she gets the bill from Windham Southeast.

The Selectboard does not need a special town meeting to take out a loan for less than a year to cover anticipated grants.

They need to finish up the grant in aid. They are working on Miller Road. It's a 17-18 thousand dollar grant and they are about half-way through it. They have a list of roads they will be working on moving from Miller Road to Bunker Road to the north end of Tucker Reed Road, Middle Road, Knapp Road, and Kipling Road. They are doing stone line ditching. They've rented an excavator and are finishing up projects on Waterman Road, Bunker Road and Greenhoe Road.

- Damage to Purple Mountain Road: This was for information, and there was not discussion.
- Access Permit Application: This has been tabled for the next meeting
- Re: Drainage issue on Tucker Reed Road; Zeke and Lee and Paul will meet at the culvert to see what it looks like at 7:30 on Thursday the 26th.
- Road crew is doing crushing, and got 3500 yards of gravel crushed. The price of gravel did go up, so they are a little over budget.
- The New dump truck, we did go up there because they wanted to know the placement of the levers, and make sure that everything was good with that. They are going right along with it, the only problem is that they're waiting for back bodies, there's a delay on those so he's not sure when it's going to be. He usually gets them in October.

#### **Correspondence for Information:**

- There was no discussion.

#### **Correspondence - For Discussion and/or Action:**

- VLCT Member survey: Rebecca will do this

#### **New Business:**

- Discussion on Bulk Mail Permit: Maybe the Town Clerk could be in charge of figuring out a process for groups or organizations who would like to use it. This would save them having to wait two weeks until a Selectboard meeting. Maria will ask Laurie about this.
- Fall Views Deadline is Tuesday, September 14th. Terry will write a piece for them.
- Planning for the Budget: We need to send a letter to the different boards and commissions in town (e.g. the fire department, drb, town clerk, cemetery committee, etc.) asking them to get the budget for the next fiscal year in by October 20th. Will wait and see how things look in October regarding meeting with all the boards. Dena will send a notice out to the boards.

- Conservation Commission Resignation (J. Fink), leaves an opening on the commission.
- Liquor Catering requests

On a motion by Maria and second from Rebecca the Selectboard voted 4-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 7:30 pm.

On a motion by Terry and second from Rebecca the Selectboard voted 3-0 with an abstention from Zeke Goodband to approve the liquor catering request from Windham Wines for September 26 for a memorial service at the Scott Farm on Kipling Road.

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Selectboard voted 3-0 with an abstention from Zeke Goodband to approve the liquor catering request from The Black Pearl doing business as Peter Haven's at Scott Farm on October 23 for a wedding.

On a motion by Rebecca and second from Terry the Selectboard voted 4-0 to approve an Application for Special Event Permit for the New England Street Food Festival at Kampfires Campground on September 25th.

On a motion by Rebecca and second from Terry the Selectboard voted 4-0 to approve an Application for Special Event Permit from Whetstone Station for the Brattleboro Baconfest at Kampfires Campground on September 18.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Selectboard voted 4-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:36 pm.

- Other Business

The sheriff's department is still collecting data from the speed cart that was placed on Route 5.

There have been no comments received regarding the Animal Control Ordinance.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was none.

There being no other business to come before the Board, on a motion by Maria and second from Terry, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:37.

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Approved

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Zeke Goodband, Chair

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Terry Chapman, Vice Chair

Submitted by Dena Marger, Selectboard Assistant