

APPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 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, David Baxendale

Also Present: Dena Marger, Peter Kelleher (BCTV), Lester Dunklee, Jean Momaney, Ann Davis, Patty Timney.

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 with abstention from David from the August 25, 2021 meeting.

On a motion from Terry and a second from Maria, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the minutes with abstention from David and Zeke from the September 1, 2021 meeting.

Review and approve bills for payment:

On a motion from Terry and a second from Maria, the Board voted 5-0 to approve bills for payment 6 and 6P.

Recognition of visitors and public comment

- There was no public comment.

Road Foreman's Report

- Lee was not present at the meeting, but spoke with Zeke. The crew was working on Tucker Reed Road putting in ditches and lining them. They will be working on Middle Road and doing some FEMA repair work there. They cleared out the debris that was on the bridge on School House Road. He got advice from the Agency of Natural Resources, from Scott Jenson, who advised Lee to leave the stumps in the brook. Some people along the brook have emailed about damage to property. Zeke forwarded the names of the River engineer to advise people.
- Slab Hollow is something we should keep abreast of
- Curb Cut application

On a motion from Terry and second from Maria, the board voted 5-0 to approve the curb cut application for 108 Hopkins Road.

Correspondence for Information

- Terry and Rebecca will attend the Municipal Budgeting & Finance webinar on the 15th.
- Dummerston Cares End of Summer party has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at some point

Correspondence– For Discussion and/or Action

- ARPA Update: Dummerston has received another \$169,000 disbursement from the State. We have already received a disbursement of \$89,000, and we will receive another disbursement in the spring that will also be around \$89,000. Dummerston will have around \$300,000 in the ARPA fund. There are some restrictions on how the money can be spent, and there are point people to help advise on this.
- Rescue Inc. has sent out an invitation for an informational meeting for towns on September 16th, and will discuss the three year contract that will come due July 1st. Maria and Terry will attend. The meeting will be covered by BCTV.

New Business

- No Mas Polimigra is a campaign organized by Migrant Justice to ask that local police do not cooperate with federal immigration (e.g. ICE, border patrol). Many undocumented people work in the agricultural industry, and the feeling is that local police should not be involved with federal immigration enforcement. David suggests that we ask the Sheriff's Department not to cooperate with federal authorities. Zeke recalls that the Sheriff's Department has already sent a letter to the Selectboard stating that they do not intend to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement. Zeke will check into this, in which case, no more action would be necessary.

- Bulk Mailing Authorization

On a motion from Maria and seconded by Rebecca the board voted 5-0 to authorize the Town Clerk to approve usage of the town bulk mailing permit.

- We were asked by Kampfires Campground to lease an area of the gravel pit for parking during their events. Lee believes that Putney has concerns about liability. Approval would have to come from both Dummerston and Putney for this, and it doesn't seem like there is time to work it all out before the weekend. The selectboard agreed to look into this, but can't make a decision on this at this time. Zeke will get back in touch with the Kampfires folks.

- Itinerant vendor license applications October 9 and 10.

On a motion from Terry and second from David the board voted 5-0 to approve the Vendor License Application for the covered bridge parking lot for October 9th and 10th from 8am-4pm.

- Request to waive zoning application fee

On a motion from Maria and second from Rebecca the board voted 5-0 to waive the zoning permit fee for the Dummerston School project.

- The Selectboard received a letter from a resident who wondered about parking policy in the community center parking lot. He's looking for a revised parking policy, allowing guests to park temporarily during the daytime. According to Jean Momaney, in September of 2016 the Selectboard held a meeting to discuss the parking issues caused by short-term rentals. At that time, the Selectboard made clear that the parking was "for the Community Center." Ann Davis similarly stated that in 2016 it was confirmed by the Selectboard that this was not a public parking area. Previously there was a sign asking visitors not to block the driveway, but the Community Center can not find the sign. There is no sign stating that this is Community Center parking only. The Selectboard reaffirmed that the Community Center leases the property and is empowered to make the rules. Zeke will break the news to the residents requesting the revised parking policy.
- Special Event Permit Application from VT Beer Makers for Saturday, 0/25 at Kampfires from 11AM-5PM

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Selectboard voted 5-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 7:37 pm.

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Liquor Control Board voted 5-0 to approve the special event permit for Saturday, September 25 at Kampfires from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Liquor Control Board voted 4-0 with an abstention from Zeke to approve the special event permit from Whetstone Station for an event on Saturday, October 2nd at Scott Farm from 10-5.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Selectboard voted 5-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:38 pm.

Unfinished Business

- Regarding the Animal Control Ordinance, the period for the public to voice concerns ends on September 10. The ordinance will go into effect on September 26th.

There being no other business to come before the Board, on a motion by Maria and second from David, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:40.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice Chair

Submitted by Dena Marger, Selectboard Assistant