

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 22, 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, Chris Gagne, Galen Robinson (BCTV),

Review and approve minutes of previous meeting:

On a motion from Terry and a second from Maria, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting.

Review and approve bills for payment:

On a motion from Terry and a second from Rebecca, the Board voted 5-0 to approve bills for payment 7 and 7P and Capital Fund 2 and Recreation Board 2.

Recognition of visitors and public comment

There were no comments.

Road Foreman's Report

- Kipling Road: Terry contacted the sheriff's dept after hearing from two residents about speeding on Kipling Road. She will ask for more enforcement. There was also a request to lower the speed limit from 35mps to 25mph. Terry will contact the sheriff to ask for more enforcement
- Federal Disaster Paperwork was signed by Governor Scott,
- FY 22 Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Opportunity program: Lee is hoping some of these funds will go towards the Salmon Brook issue. If the work qualifies for the program, river expert from the Agency of Natural Resources Sam Jenson will come to advise and give approval for the work.
- The Grant in Aid projects are finished, stone lining ditches, they are mowing and hauling gravel and grading roads. This will occupy them for the next couple of weeks. Lee's looking into a different leaf blower and hoping to get a grant for this, and then sell the old leaf blower

Correspondence for Information

- Terry signed up for the October 4th ARPA Day
- Question about the Boot Drop fundraiser: this is a question for the Department of

Transportation, and Laurie forwarded the information to the person asking.

Correspondence– For Discussion and/or Action

- Letter from Charlotte Annis the town treasurer about tax collection. Tax collection has been better this year than in previous years.
- Some of the boards and commissions, especially the Development Review Board are looking for new members. There's also an opening for an auditor seat. The planning commission has one person who may want to join.

New Business

- Rescue Inc. meeting was attended by Maria and Terry. They will get a quote. They will present a contract. There are some issues pertaining to what Brattleboro is doing. We'll have to wait and see. It's a fluid situation.
- No Mas Polimigra discussion followup: The Sheriff's Department have indicated that they do not pursue immigration issues. Rebecca followed up with Mark Andersen at the Sheriff's Department, who said that he pulled the reports from 2013 to the present, and found that there have been no instances since 2013 where the Windham County Sheriff's Department had contacted immigration, and that his intention moving forward would be to continue this policy. But, based on further research, they still legally are able to. Chris Gagne would like to make two requests:
 - Our town should not allow contractors to have discriminatory policies and practices. Even if they have not engaged in these practices, it's worth codifying the limitations on law enforcement officers. The fair and impartial policing policy in effect right now provides four loopholes to allow the sharing of information with immigration, including:
 - Justified on the basis of public safety or law enforcement needs
 - Officers are allowed to rely on suspicion of the person having recently crossed the border. In Chris Gagne's opinion, it's important to note that ICE and Border Control are committing human rights violations, and he brought documentation with him to that effect.
 - Vermont Fair and Impartial Policing Policy allows towns to place more stringent controls on the limitations on the Police. He's asking the Selectboard put pressure on the Sheriff's Department of Windham County to sign on to the amendments that would further restrict policing powers and prevent racial profiling potentially leading to deportation, or detaining people due to suspected immigration status. In no scenario does Vermont policing policy support police officers enforcing immigration.
 - Chris asked what the process for accomplishing this might be, and Zeke suggested inviting the Sheriff here to speak to this issue. Terry will invite the Sheriff to a meeting to discuss this issue, and the issue will be revisited when the Sheriff is available, and posted on the agenda for the public.
- Itinerant vendor license applications October 9 and 10.

On a motion from Rebecca 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.

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 7:26 pm.

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Liquor Control Board voted 4-0 with an abstention from Zeke to approve the liquor catering application for an event on October 9 at the Scott Farm.

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 7:27 pm.

Unfinished Business

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 7:27.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice Chair

Submitted by Dena Marger, Selectboard Assistant