

## UNAPPROVED

### SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 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), Mark Kracum, Sam Farwell, Chris Gagne

Addition to agenda: Request for permission to use the town parking lot for the drive-by apple pie pick-up on Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10 from 10 am to 2 pm.

#### **REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

On a motion from Terry and a second from Maria, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2021 Selectboard Meeting.

On a motion from Terry and a second from David, the Board voted 4-0 to with an abstention from Zeke to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2021 Selectboard Budget Work Session.

#### **REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

On a motion from Terry and a second from Maria, the Board voted 5-0 to approve bills for payment 8 and 8P.

#### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Kracum expressed an interest in serving on the Energy committee and has met with that committee about this. Zeke explained that discussion of his appointment needs to be warned in advance. The appointment will be on the Selectboard agenda at the October 20 meeting following an interview at 6:40 pm.

Chris Gagne came to check in on the No Mas Polimigra discussion, and Zeke informed him that the Sheriff will attend the October 20 Selectboard meeting. Chris presented articles documenting ICE abuses of immigrants, and also the wording that the Town of Putney is working to adopt at their town meeting on the same question.

#### **ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT**

On a motion from Terry and a second from Maria, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the grant in aid application for the new tractor mounted leaf blower.

- Federal Disaster Funds Application: This is in process. Terry, Charlotte, and Lee took the FEMA webinar on this, and the webinar will be available at some point soon for others. They are saying it will be a year before the town sees any reimbursement at 75%. Admin fees are covered at 100%.
- The Road Crew has been spreading gravel on Bunker Road, Canoe Brook Road, and doing some grading. They've been hauling sand to the town garage. He met with Scott Jensen from the Agency of Natural Resources, the river engineer. We qualify for FEMA aid to repair roads and bridges, but Dummerston did not qualify for any aid for personal property.

## **CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION**

- ARPA Funding Webinar October 19<sup>th</sup>: Terry will be doing this
- Food Vending and Zoning: The Selectboard received a letter from the zoning administrator expressing concern that the bylaws don't cover food trucks. We have a vendor's permit for town property, but not sure about for commercial or residential property. This was brought up at the planning commission meeting, and they will be discussing it.
- Great River Hydro tax assessment appeal: Great River Hydro, which runs electrical generators on the Connecticut River, appealed their tax assessment to the Board of Civil Authority. The BCA denied the appeal, keeping the assessment at the amount recommended by the State. GRH has appealed to Superior Court. They have easements in the case of the river rising. The discrepancy is over what those easements are worth.

## **CORRESPONDENCE – FOR DISCUSSION and/or ACTION**

The Apple Pie Festival will be drive by, and they have requested to move traffic through the town parking lot, this Saturday the 9th and Sunday the 10th, 10-2, in order to be able to encourage people not to get out of their cars

On a motion from Maria and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to allow the church to use the town parking lot as a drive-through for the purpose of selling apple pies.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Discuss and possibly appoint a new member to the DRB:

On a motion from Terry and a second from Rebecca, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Natalie Pelham-Starkey as an alternate DRB member until town meeting of 2022.

- Windham County Sheriff's Office Service Contract: This went into effect in July, but it was a clerical issue that it didn't reach the Board before now.

On a motion from Terry and a second from Maria, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Windham County Sheriff's Service Contract from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

- Request to sign consent letter for Application for Design Grant for Covered Bridge Access to the West River:

There is a question of who will maintain the stairs or path, and so the Board decided to seek further clarification from the Conservation Commission before signing the letter. Rebecca agreed to contact Christine.

- Regional Emergency Management Committee appointments needed:

They need an appointment by October 27th, and it needs to be a Selectboard member. The Selectboard will get some more information about this.

- Storm Damage Brainstorm update:

Rebecca spoke to VLCT specifically asking about the storm damage costs that we incurred. She asked about taking out a loan or line of credit with a one year term, which wouldn't require voter approval. The two options are that we can borrow money with a one year or less term as long as the borrower term is less than a year, and we are able to borrow in anticipation of taxes as long as the borrowed amount doesn't exceed 90% of the municipal taxes assessed for that year. We

can also borrow in anticipation of grants for a term of less than a year.

Charlotte will provide an updated quote from Community Bank for either a one year loan or a one year credit line for \$200,000. The line of credit would give the greatest amount of flexibility. Intrest on a line of credit was 2.25%, a fixed loan was 1.85% The rates change each month. Charlotte will have the new numbers for the next meeting.

- Approve Liquor Catering License for Windham Wines for event at Scott Farm on Saturday, 10/16 from 5-9 pm:

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 7:49 pm.

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Liquor Control Board voted 4-0 with an abstention from Zeke to approve the liquor catering application for Windham Wines for an event on October 16th at the Scott Farm from 5-9 pm.

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 7:50 pm.

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 7:50 pm.

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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