

UNAPPROVED

December 15, 2021

## **SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 6:00 pm at the Dummerston Community Center in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

**Members absent:** David Baxendale

**Also present:** Rep. Mike Mrowicki, Rep. Michelle Bos-lun, Lee Chamberlin, Frederic Noytes-BCTV

### **Minutes:**

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2021 regular meeting and December 2, 2021 budget work session.

### **Warrants:**

On a motion by Terry and second from Rebecca the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of warrants 13, 13P, and Conservation Commission #2.

### **Public Comments:**

State Representatives, Mrowicki and Bos-lun talk with the Board on a variety of topics. The legislature will be taking up Proposition #2 to abolish slavery and Proposition #5 which is in regards to women's reproductive rights. They felt both changes to the VT constitution would be on the ballot in November 2022. The Board asked about changing legislation to allow animal control to be included in the County Tax. Rep. Mrowicki will reach out to Sheriff Mark Anderson on this. The Board encouraged them to consider moving rental housing inspections from local health boards to the state fire marshall. Both Representatives will be working to make Covid home tests more readily available and to have the cost covered under private insurance.

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

Only one estimate was received for Covered Bridge repairs from Finishline Construction for \$15,000.00. Repair work is on hold until PACIF insurance authorization has been received.

Lee and the Board talked about options to try and deter future bridge damage. Lee installed two signs on the bridge. He will look into ordering two larger signs (3x3 or 4x4), red with white reflective lettering. One to replace the sign in Dummerston Center and install one near Green Mountain Camp Road.

Lee spoke with the resident on Hopkins Road to explain the maintenance issues they complained about. He felt it was a good conversation and the issue was resolved. Lee will contact the resident complaining about winter maintenance on East-West Road.

The Better Back Roads Grant Application has not been completed.

FEMA Update:

Lee, Terry, and Charlotte met with Bill Doyle of FEMA regarding paperwork and site visits.

Categories include:

- Complete road washouts

- Debris clean-up

- Johnsons Curve Road – FEMA may complete scope of work.

- Camp Arden Road – FEMA may complete scope of work.

- Slab Hollow – The FEMA representative took pictures and will discuss with his supervisor.

  - However, his opinion was it was on private property and most likely will not qualify.

Other items:

Lee also discussed budget funding for the Structures Fund. He is hoping to do a structures project on Leonard Road this fiscal year. The Board will discuss further at a budget meeting.

The trees behind the Historical Society building have been taken down. The road crew will finish the clean-up.

Bids have gone out for the new one-ton dump truck. This is subject to voter approval in March.

**Correspondence for Information:** No discussion

**Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:**

Zeke spoke with the complainant regarding a dog issue on Jelly Mill Hill. Zeke is meeting with the dog owner and hopes to have this resolved this week.

The Board received satisfactory results from the VT Dept. of Taxes 2021 Reappraisal Evaluation.

**New Business:**

Terry will write the Winter Views Article.

The line of credit documents were not available due to a bank error with the paperwork. They will send when corrected.

On a motion by Terry and second from Rebecca the Board voted 4-0 to authorize Charlotte Neer-Annis, Treasurer and Terry Chapman to sign the Line of Credit paperwork for \$200,000.00 when completed.

On a motion by Terry and second from Rebecca the Board voted 4-0 to sign the Windham County Humane Society 2022 Contract.

On a motion by Maria and second from Rebecca the Board voted 4-0 to approve and sign both Errors & Omission Certificates received from the Listers.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Executive Session:**

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 4-0 to enter Executive Session as provided in Vermont Statute, Title 1, Chapter 5, Subsection 2, 313(a), #2. To discuss a real estate matter at 7:05 pm. No decisions will be made.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:15 pm.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Terry made the motion and second from Maria, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 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