

UNAPPROVED

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

August 10, 2022

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

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

**Members absent:**

**Also present:** Bill & Lyle Holiday, Melody & Shawn Stone, Jean Momaney, Ann Davis, Lester Dunklee, Patty Timney, Gail Sorenson, Chuck Fish, Sallie May, Jessica Nelson, Catherine O'Callahan, Phyllis Emery, Dena Marger, David Schottland, Melissa Worden, Jeanne Bristol, & Galen Robinson-BCTV

**Minutes:**

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Board voted 4-0 with Rebecca abstaining to approve the minutes from July 27, 2022.

**Warrants:**

On a motion by Rebecca and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 3, 3P, & Ratify 3R.

**ARPA Funding:**

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the following projects to begin or start the bidding process:

- Highway Department – structures engineering
- Fire Department – lighting, bay doors, pagers, generator
- Historical Society – basement insulation, attic insulation, painting
- Evening Star Grange – roof repair
- Town Office – computer, firewall, floor, signage

Committees with authorized projects will receive the Boards policy and procedures, which Terry reviewed.

**Public Comments:**

Representatives from the Lydia Taft Pratt Library Trustees and the Community Center Board and residents had a lengthy and spirited discussion regarding rent increase, use of the facilities, and lack of communication between the two boards. Each entity is set up as a non-profit and operates with its own board of trustees. The Town owns the building, but does not oversee the operation of the Center or the Library. The Community Center explained that the rent increase was due to the increase cost of heating oil and electricity. The Selectboard will consider at the next regular meeting to authorize ARPA funds to cover the increase in these expenses. If approved then no rent increase will be needed. The Library has been offering outside movie nights which end at 10:30 pm. The Community Center Board has a strict policy of no activities

after 10:00 pm. No compromise could be made at this time. The Selectboard suggested that the two boards meet again to try and come to a compromise. Zeke offered to attend to help mediate.

The Community Center Board will be stepping down on June 30, 2023. Chuck Fish suggested asking the voters at Town Meeting what should happen to the building. Lester Dunklee suggested the Town Office move into the building. Gail Sorenson suggested that more information regarding the Community Center be posted on the Town website.

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

FEMA update: The Camp Arden Road project will begin this week. Lee will meet with the State of Vermont representative for streams and rivers, Scott Jensen.

The crew has been working on a few washouts and cleaning culverts. Lee will contact Patty Walior regarding signage on Windmill Hill Road. Lee and Zeke will look at a tree at the Baptist Church in the Village.

The Board has received emails regarding recent East-West Road paving. Zeke will talk with Lee and see if the few remaining rough spots could be patched.

**Correspondence for Information:** No discussion

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

The Putney Town Manager sent a letter to Kampfires regarding the boundary line with the Town gravel pit. No response has been received.

#### **New Business:**

Terry spoke with the Sheriff's Department and no data is available yet regarding speeding concerns on East-West Road.

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Errors and Omissions Statements as presented by the Listers.

On motion by Rebecca and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to allow use of the Town Common for a wedding on 10/1.

The entire Board of the Dummerston Community Center has notified the Selectboard of their intent to resign next year effective June 30, 2023.

ARPA Updates & Discussion – the second payment is expected by the end of August/early September. The proposed heat pumps at the Town Office were a different brand than what is currently there because the old model is no longer available. Electrical is included in the proposed price. Maria will email the policy and procedures to approved project Committees. Zeke spoke with Laurie regarding the request for digitizing records. Laurie does not want to use the established fund at this time. At the next meeting the Board will consider the Community Center request for fuel costs and the Town Office mini splits.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 7:45 pm.

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to approve the liquor catering request from Whetstone Station for an event on 8/27, 1-7pm.

On a motion by David and second from Rebecca the Board voted 4-0 with Zeke abstaining to approve the special event request from Scott Farm for an event on 9/14 5-8 pm and an event on 10/9, 10 am-6 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 7:46 pm.

**Unfinished Business:**

There being no other business to come before the Board, Rebecca made the motion and second from Terry, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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Zeke Goodband, Chair

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Terry Chapman, Vice Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk