

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2023

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 6:05 pm at the Community Center in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Members absent: Rebecca Lotka

Also present: Mark Kracum, Bill Schmidt, Meg Lyons, Norris Evans, Susan Daigler, Lee Chamberlin, Van Wyle-BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by David and second from Terry the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from January 26, 2023.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of warrants 16 & 16P.

ARPA Funding:

The Dummerston Cares has requested \$45,000.00 from the ARPA funds to establish a Health & Safety Fund. Cares will contribute an additional \$20,000.00. The monies would be used for home emergencies, fire prevention, and aging in place assistance. Cares will be working with SEVCA and the Fire Department. Terry suggested looking into programs and grants offered by the American Red Cross and HUD. Mark Kracum suggested looking into VA programs for veterans. The Board will consider the request at a future meeting.

The Lydia Taft Pratt Library requested ARPA funds for \$295.69 for door repair. The consensus of the Board was to not use ARPA funds, that this should be a library expense. Zeke will contact the Library Trustees.

Dummerston Congregation Church inquired if they would be eligible for ARPA funds for a new tent. The Board inquired with the VLCT Project Administrator for the federal funds and she advised not to use the funds. The consensus of the Board agreed. Zeke will let them know.

Public Comments: None

Road Foreman's Report:

FEMA update: None

Lee will be working on the VTrans Grants & Annual Financial Plan after Town Meeting. He will be applying for a paving grant. He felt Dummerston would be low on the structures grant list and may apply next year.

Engineering estimates were received for Park Laughton Road and Johnsons Curve Road. These were previously approved through ARPA Funds and will be submitted at the next meeting.

The new truck has arrived and put into service. The invoice will be in the next meeting warrants. The old truck can now be sold. Lee will do up a spec sheet on it and look into listing it for sale.

There is a large, dead oak tree on Middle Road which will be removed next week. The crew has also been doing oil changes and maintenance. Also, still working on tree clean-up. The hydraulic pump in the 2017 Dodge had to be replaced.

This spring, Lee will put out to bid the re-decking of the covered bridge. The Board will consider using ARPA funds to cover the cost.

The outside boiler at the Highway Garage has been leaking and needs to be replaced. Lee feels it will be okay until spring. Lee will do some research and put this out to bid in the spring. The Board will consider using ARPA funds to cover the cost.

On a motion by David and second from Terry the Board voted 4-0 to approve the curb cut permit for 623 Kelly Road. Lee has reviewed it.

Correspondence for Information: None

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action: None

New Business:

ARPA Updates & Discussion: The Community Center is working on replacing the pressure tank and water heater. This will be covered under the ARPA funds. They will also be reviewing the items in need of attention from the inspection report and making a list.

Terry met with Wade from PACIF Insurance to do building inspections at the Community Center and Historical Society. He will be send the report. Terry felt all went well. They spoke regarding the Community Center holding separate insurance. The DCC board will send the Selectboard a certificate of insurance for PACIF to review.

The Board will hold a Zoom Town Meeting informational meeting on March 1st at 7 pm. The Zoom meeting will be filmed on BCTV as well. All articles will be reviewed.

Town meeting day voting by Australian ballot will take place on Tuesday, March 7th from 8am to 7pm at the Town Office. There will be no in person Town Meeting.

Absentee ballots can be requested from Laurie after 2/15 by calling, emailing her, or stopping by to pick them up.

Unfinished Business: None

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

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk