

UNAPPROVED

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

July 26, 2023

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

**Members present:** Zeke Goodband, Maria Glabach, Lewis White, Todd Davidson, Alex Wilson  
**Members absent:**

**Also present:** Laurie Frechette, Charlotte Neer-Annis, Clay Coyle, Peter Kelleher-BCTV

**Minutes:**

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 with Alex abstaining to approve the minutes from July 12, 2023.

**Warrants:**

On a motion by Lewis and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 2 & 2P.

**ARPA Funding:**

Highway garage roof repair estimate – tabled.

**Public Comments:** None

**Road Foreman's Report:**

The Board received an email from Doug Morton regarding erosion of his property on East-West Road. Lee spoke with him and this section of road will be done next year.

The Board received a letter from Paul Stone regarding the maintenance of small lot at the corner of Miller and East-West Roads. After reviewing the deed, the consensus of the Board was this area was not owned by the Town. Zeke will let him know.

The crew continues to work on the Grant-In-Aid project on Kipling Road. Also, working on grading and mowing.

**Correspondence for Information:** No discussion

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

Follow-up regarding the VLCT PACIF report on necessary updates needed at the Community Center. The attic stair hand rail has been installed. PACIF will contact the Community Center to do an inspection.

Emails regarding Salmon Brook erosion (moved to end of meeting)

Zeke will contact Roger and Lee and set up a time for employee reviews.

**New Business:**

ARPA Updates & Discussion: None

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to ratify the municipal property tax rate at \$0.3498 and the local rate at \$0.0054. The rate changed slightly due to changes to the Grand List.

The Board will invite the Conservation Commission to a meeting to discuss the Covered Bridge steps project. Lewis brought up concerns regarding flooding, trash, and ongoing maintenance/inspections. He suggested the Commission set aside funds for future repairs/replacement, so as there will be no cost to the taxpayers. Zeke will contact the Commission.

Alex is wondering if there is any funding available to elevate the Covered Bridge. Charlotte will send the Board information regarding the State doing bridge inspections. Zeke will contact them to look at the Covered Bridge and the bridge in Slab Hollow.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to sign the revised contract with the Windham County Sheriff's Department. There was a slight wording change.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Errors & Omissions Certificate from the Listers.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 6:25 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Special Events Permit request from KOA Campground for 9/9, 9/16, and 10/14.

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 4-0 with Zeke abstaining to approve the Special Events Permit request from Scott Farm for 9/16.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 6:27 pm.

**Salmon Brook Erosion** (moved from correspondence for discussion/action)

The Board talked at length regarding the erosion along Salmon Brook at 453 East-West Road, as well as downstream. Clay Coyle a resident on East-West Road voiced his concerns and questions.

Scott Jensen, ANR River Management Engineer, approved to have a contractor do some work at 453 East-West Road. Work was stopped due to a question of funding. Todd has been looking into a program with USDA Emergency Watershed Protection Program to stabilize stream banks. This program covers 75% and the property owner is responsible for 25%. Todd will get more information on this program.

**Unfinished Business:** None

There being no other business to come before the Board, Lewis made the motion and second from Maria, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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Approved

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Zeke Goodband, Chair

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Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk