

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2024

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

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

Members absent:

Also present: Laurie Frechette, Cindy Jerome, Jean & Harold Newell, Randy Hicken, Johnny Gifford-BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from February 7, 2024.

Warrants:

On a motion by Maria and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 17, 17P.

ARPA Funding: None

Public Comments:

Lewis thanked Chris Brown for stepping up to work with Charlotte the past couple of months to learn the Treasurer duties and helping out with Charlotte out of the office.

Road Foreman's Report:

Update on the West Village right of way/town road – Todd will send to Town Attorney, Bob Fisher the three deeds Laurie pulled.

The Board received an email regarding a light out on the south end of West Street. The resident contact Green Mountain Power direct and took care of it.

Correspondence for Information:

Lewis questioned the Sheriff report. There was only 1 ½ billable hours for the month. Zeke reached out to the Sheriff's office and reported that an additional 21 hours which grant funds covered. A total of \$2,000.00 in fines were issued.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

Update regarding Salmon Brook erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program: There is one document for Charlotte to sign. All is progressing.

Zeke emailed the resident asking about removing down trees.

Windham Regional Commission sent out the draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) for internal Town comment until 2/22. There were a few minor corrections/updates. Todd is meeting with Windham Regional and will let them know, the Board will update next month.

The Vermont Legislature is considering legislation on mandatory hybrid meetings. A survey has been sent to towns to complete. Laurie completed the survey and will send a link to the Board, so each of us can complete it as well. BCTV stated it may add about \$200.00 to our yearly contract. The Town would have to host the online meeting and may require a large screen. Maria is concerned because hybrid meeting would be required of all Town committees/commissions. Laurie was not in favor of it for these reasons as well.

New Business:

ARPA Updates – There is about \$14,700.00 left to allocate. The Energy Committee is looking into lighting updates at the Highway Garage. The estimated cost would be \$6,000.00. The consensus of the Board was ARPA funds could be used.

The following Warning Articles for Town Meeting were assigned:

Article 2 Auditors Report - Maria

Article 3 Appoint receiver of delinquent taxes - Alex

Article 4 Capital Fund - Todd

Article 5 Capital Fund tractor purchase - Lewis

Article 6 General Fund - Zeke

Article 7 Highway Fund - Zeke

Article 8 Highway Blasting & Crushing Fund - Lewis

Article 9 Evening Star Grange Tax Exempt - Maria

Article 10 Green Mountain Camp Tax exempt - Mark Brown or Maria

Cindy will send the Board a “cheat sheet” as to how to word the motion.

Maria thanked Zeke and Lewis for their time serving on the Board.

Unfinished Business:

Investing Farmland Protection Fund Monies – tabled until after Town Meeting.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Todd, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk

Moderator Cindy Jerome called the Meet the Candidates/ Informational Town Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.