

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 29, 2024

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

Members present: Maria Glabach, Alex Wilson, Todd Davidson, Tom Nolan

Members present on Zoom: Paul Adler

Members absent:

Also present: Peter Cortes, Gurudharm Khalsa, Rick Davis, Skip Fletcher, Carrie Towle, Brian Whittler, Lewis White, Mark Younger, Larry Pratt, Brian Guerino-BCTV.

Minutes:

On a motion by Alex and second from Tom the Board voted 3-0 with Maria abstaining to approve the minutes from May 13, 2024.

On a motion by Alex and second from Tom the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from May 15, 2024 with change under the Road Foreman's report to state "the Board will vote on whether or not to start the process to discontinue the road".

Warrants:

On a motion by Tom and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of warrants 24, 24P & 23R.

ARPA Funding: None

Public Comments:

Larry Pratt, Fire Chief briefly spoke to tell the Board that OSHA & VOSHA will be putting through stricter rules on firefighters and EMTs. There will be increased costs. Comment period is open until 6/21/2024, he asked the Board to comment.

Road Foreman's Report:

The following paving bids were opened at the May 15th meeting:

Allstate –paving \$96.50 per ton, milling \$1.75 per square yard

Bazin Bros. – paving \$96.95 per ton, milling \$1.50 per square yard

North East Paving – paving \$150.00 per ton, milling \$2.75 per square yard

Lee reviewed all bids and recommended Bazin Brothers. The area to be paved is East-West Road from Route 5 to the bridge at Salmon Brook and the paved hill on Miller Road.

On a motion by Alex and second from Todd the Board voted 4-0 to award the paving bid to Bazin Brothers for \$201,145.25 conditionally on funding in place from budget and grants. Todd will contact Lee about funding.

West Village – ROW/Town road #61 update:

Alex is hesitate, would like to leave options for future generations. Todd would like to see the residents petition the Board.

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 3-1 to start the process to consider discontinuing 379.2 feet of Town Highway #61 in the West Village.

Todd will get clarity from the Town Attorney regarding the process – public hearing in 30 days with a site visit. The Board will schedule that meeting at the Community Center.

Peter Cortez with the Putney Rowing Club is seeking clarity as to where the end of Dummerston Station Road is. Lee measured and it is 120 feet short of the railroad tracks. The Club would like to gate their access to deter vandalism. The club will contact Lee about putting signage to warn that there is no turn around.

Correspondence for Information:

Paul will attend the Regional Policing Initiative.

Alex will attend the Covered Bridge step project pre-construction meeting.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

The Board received a few emails regarding smoke from burning brush at the Younger property on Middle Road. Maria suggested that Tom should recuse himself. Todd agreed, but stated in this instance, that no decisions or actions will happen. No discussion took place regarding recusal and no recusal took place. Mark Younger questioned Tom regarding actions he took responding to resident complaints about burning and statements he made to the Fire Warden. All burning that took place was permissible. Todd spoke with Lee Chamberlin and the State, the Town and Selectboard have no jurisdiction over burning.

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to accept John Anderson's resignation from the Conservation Commission. The Board thanks him for his decades of service. Alex will send a thank you note.

On a motion by Alex and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to allow the Grange to use the Town Common on May 30th at 6:30 pm for a Memorial Day program.

New Business:

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to sign the Extension for Filing Abstract Grand list requested by the Listers.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 6:51 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Liquor Catering requests from Scott Farm for 6/12, 7/10, 7/13, 8/14 and 9/11.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 6:54 pm.

The summer Views article is due June 18th. Todd will write and send it around for the Board to review for the 6/12 meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Investing Farmland Protection Fund Monies – Treasurer, Chris Brown will put together and email options for the Board to review for next meeting.

Update regarding Salmon Brook erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program – No update

Executive Session:

On a motion by Maria and second from Todd the Board voted 4-0 to enter Executive Session as provided in Vermont Statute, Title 1, Chapter 5, Subsection 2, 313(a), #3, at 7:00 pm. No decisions will be made.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to reconvene the meeting at 7:34 pm.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Todd made the motion and second from Maria, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Alex Wilson, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk