

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 29, 2020

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 6:00 pm via Zoom online conferencing in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Members absent: none

Also present: Lee Chamberlin, Paul Normandeau & Rich Melanson-BCTV.

Minutes:

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from July 15, 2020.

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from David the Board voted 4-0 with Terry abstaining to approve the minutes from July 17, 2020.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry and second from Jerelyn the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 3 & 3P.

Public Comments:

Road Foreman's Report:

Lee reported that the Road Crew has been working on the following:

- Culvert and underdrain work
- Cleaned up trees along East-West Road
- Spot grading where needed
- Hearing tests for MSHA
- Bazin Brothers completed the gravel crushing
- Mowing roadsides

The mower is fixed. The Board discussed the purchase of a bush hog mower. Bids received were not opened. The article approved at Town Meeting was for a flail mower. Therefore, the purchase of a bush hog was tabled. Lee may look into it for next fiscal year budget.

Lee will have flail mower bids for next meeting.

Correspondence for Information:

Paul Normandeau asked about the Land Records Grant. This grant is to digitize the town land records. Laurie can apply when it opens up.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

The Board received a letter of interest from a resident to serve on the Energy Committee. Zeke has set up an interview on 8/12 at 5:50 pm.

New Business:

Reappraisal Update:

NEMRC Appraisers will not enter any houses.

Paul Normandeau was concerned about the houses that have already had an interior inspection. Zeke suggested that these houses be redone with only exterior inspection. The Board discussed the contract agreement. There is no pandemic clause to stop the reappraisal. Property owners will be interviewed regarding interior changes. If owner is not home, a card will be left for them to call and schedule a return visit. Most of the Board has reservations regarding the fairness of the appraisal without interior inspections. Paul N. considers it a flawed process. At this time the appraisal continues.

On a motion by David and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to send the reappraisal contract to the Town Attorney to review as to our options and advice. Maria will send to attorney.

SeVEDS funding request will be discussed during budget sessions. David will let them know.

The Board will set a special meeting on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 12:30 pm to set the municipal tax rate and to discuss waiving/reducing penalties. Jerelyn will set up the Zoom meeting and send the link.

Jerelyn will write the fall Views article, which is due 9/15.

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 7:00 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Selectboard Assistant