

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 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: Paul Normandeau, Jean Newell, Cy Bailey & Rich Melanson-BCTV.

Minutes:

On a motion by Terry and second from Jerelyn the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from August 12, 2020.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry and second from Jerelyn the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 5, 5P, Conservation Commission #1 & Reappraisal #1.

Public Comments:

Cy Bailey with the VT Dept. of Property Valuation & Review discussed with the Board the reappraisal process and protocols. PVR recommends to continue with the appraisal. He felt that NEMRC would be able to complete interior inspections of about 65%. However, NEMRC has told us 30-40%. Interior inspections are trending down, doing better by exterior inspections and interviews. He felt that there is better information today than there was for the last appraisal. His one concern were the people on the margin – young families and the elderly. During a grievance a resident can always produce pictures. Other towns are going forward with the reappraisal process. PVR does studies every year trying to make the process fair and test for errors. If a towns CLA and COD numbers are off, they will sit with Towns to fix or even command Towns to fix. The process started in July 2019, if it is now delayed 1-2 years the data will be old. He also felt that it was a good idea to have a different appraiser conduct exterior only inspections of homes that have already had an interior inspection. This will help make the process fairer. The consensus of the Board was to have NEMRC continue with exterior inspections, interview homeowners, and office work. Then possibly in January see if NEMRC will have changed their protocol regarding interior inspections. Jerelyn will contact Ed Clodfelter with NEMRC about changing protocols.

Road Foreman's Report:

Lee's written report, the Road Crew has been working on the following:

Underdrainage on Kelly Rd

Roadside mowing

Making Winter Sand

New loader expected to arrive the week of 9/1. New mower should arrive approximately the same time.

Covered Bridge Steps Update:

No response yet from town attorney or VLCT/PACIF. David will reach out to both again.

No decision was made on how to proceed until the Board hears back from them.

David would like to wait until Spring.

Zeke felt "use at your own risk" signage could be put in place

Maria, Terry, & Jerelyn – felt the steps should be pulled, but would like to hear from the town attorney and PACIF.

On a motion by Terry and second Maria from the Board voted 5-0 to approve the curb cut for Ethier residence on Cemetery Road with required culvert.

Correspondence for Information:

DRB Hearing on Gravel Pit review on 9/15. Lee should plan to attend. Terry will be there and let Lee know the Board feels he should be there as well.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action: None**New Business:**

Reappraisal Update: See Public Comments

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to accept Ruth Barton's resignation as Senior Solutions Representative. The Board thanks her for her many years of service. Terry will send a thank you note.

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Carol Lynch as the Senior Solutions Representative. Terry will let Carol know.

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Vendor License request from Sheri Bolster for 10/10 & 10/11 at the Covered Bridge from 8am-4pm.

Reminder to take the Census if you haven't already.

Unfinished Business: None**Upcoming Agendas:**

The Board briefly discussed the upcoming Budget Work Session. This will be an organizational meeting. Maria will send worksheets to the Board.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Terry, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Selectboard Assistant