

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 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: Sarah Lang, Maeve Jenks, Mike Mrowicki, Jennifer Stromsten, Lee Chamberlin, Galen Robinson-BCTV.

Minutes:

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from November 18, 2020.

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 with David abstaining to approve the minutes from November 20, 2020.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 12, 12P, Recreation Board #2, & Cemetery Fund #1.

Public Comments:

Jennifer Stromsten and Sarah Lang with BDCC updated the Board on the activities at SeVEDS/BDCC. They also thanked the Board for not requiring them to submit a petition for Town Meeting.

Maeve Jenks – Recreation Board purchased 80' x 100' ice rink and hopes to have it up for the winter. They are looking for volunteers to help maintain it.

Road Foreman's Report:

The Road Crew has been working on:

- Better Roads Grant
- Cleaning leaves out of ditches
- Fluid Filmed Equipment to prevent rusting
- Maintenance for the winter

Cover Bridge Repair Update: Lee met with the insurance adjuster on 12/2. He also met with an electrician for an estimate of \$500.00 to install wiring, plus the cost of a State permit. A few options Lee presented to the Board were: adding more signage at an estimated cost of \$150.00 per sign, installing a camera, or installing a structural beam that would get hit before the bridge. Lee will continue to work on the options. For budgeting purposes, Lee felt \$1,000 - \$1,500 would be close.

Lee also felt that the \$170,000 in the Capital Plan for FY22 for a dump truck was also accurate.

Correspondence for Information:

Terry attended the meeting with the Sheriff’s Dept. regarding Animal Control. She will have more information by the budget meeting on 12/4.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action: None

New Business:

The Board discussed the options for 2021 Town Meeting. Mike Mrowicki also spoke regarding how the Legislature is working on many options for Towns. No decision will be made by the Legislature until mid-January. The Board felt that now was the time to make a decision. This would allow the Town Clerk plenty of time to work out the details. The Board does have the option of changing their decision if the circumstances change.

On a motion by David and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve voting by Australian Ballot for all Articles usually presented at the March 2021 Town Meeting.

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to approve signing the Errors & Omissions Certificate from the Listers.

The Board accepted Jack Lilly’s resignation with regret from the CT River Joint Commission.

Zeke received a complaint from a resident regarding the reappraisers wandering around their house when they were out of town. They were alerted when cameras and alarms notified them.

Jerelyn received a complaint from a Putney resident regarding shooting practice by a Dummerston neighbor. The Town has no noise ordinance.

Jerelyn would like the Board to transition over to the Town’s Zoom account in January.

Unfinished Business: None

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Selectboard Assistant