

UNAPPROVED

January 12, 2022

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Members present: Zeke Goodband, Maria Glabach, Terry Chapman, Rebecca Lotka, David Baxendale

Members absent: None

Also present: Mark Kracum, Lee Chamberlin, Chris Gagne, Ray Harris, Peter Kelleher-BCTV, Brian Guerino-BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by David and second from Rebecca the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2021 regular meeting & budget work session.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry and second from Rebecca the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 15 & 15P.

Public Comments:

Chris Gagne said that a petition was turned into the Town Clerk to be included in the Town Meeting Warning. Zeke mentioned that the Town Clerk has certified the signatures and that it will be on the agenda for a special meeting next week.

Road Foreman's Report:

One bid was received and opened for a Ford F550 one-ton dump truck from Faiths Ford in Westminster, VT for \$95,242.00. This price included a trade in of the Dodge truck for \$12,500.00. The price does not include a plow. Lee will review the bid. He was hoping to receive at least one other bid. Lee is inclined to wait a month and put it back out to bid. He is waiting to hear from Dodge regarding a trade value.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to sign the State of VT Agency of Transportation 2022 Mileage Certificate. There were no changes from last year.

Lee met with Scott Jensen from Agency of Natural Resources regarding FEMA permits. FEMA is close to looking at Schoolhouse Road, Johnsons Curve Road, and Camp Arden Road. No date has been set yet. Schoolhouse Road was passed on to a Supervisor and will be looked at to determine if it qualifies for FEMA.

Lee is looking into engineering to go out to bid for a project on Leonard Road. The engineering cost will come out of the Structures Fund. Lee will only proceed with the project if a grant is received and the Town's portion will be 10%.

The road crew has been working on oil changes, backhoe brakes, and dealing with ice storms.

Correspondence for Information: No Discussion

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

Bob Fisher was emailed the petition that was submitted for inclusion on the Warning. He confirmed that as written it is a non-binding advisory question.

New Business:

Terry reported that the line of credit will be for \$178,000.00, not \$200,000.00 as originally discussed. The paperwork may be done next week with a one year payback.

The Lister's are looking for a Clerical Assistant. With one Lister on vacation for a while, and another retiring in 2023, this is an opportunity for someone to train with them and maybe run for the elected position in 2023.

FEMA Update: Schoolhouse Road is still being considered. Charlotte has been working hard to upload all the information needed for reimbursement on the other Town roads that were damaged in July 2021.

The Board briefly reviewed the draft Town Meeting Warning. The consensus of the Board was that the petitioned item received should be presented as non-binding. Laurie prefers that all articles and items appear on one ballot to save costs and it would make it easier to use the tabulator machine. The Board will have a special meeting next week to approve the finalized budget and warning. Laurie would also like to have voters request an absentee ballot instead of doing a mass mailing to everyone. It is believed this will save costs, Rebecca will ask Laurie about this.

Unfinished Business: None

There being no other business to come before the Board, Terry made the motion and second from Maria, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

This budget work session was called to order at 6:34 pm.

Charlotte requested a two minor changes to the budget to better reflect actual costs for the bulk mailing permit and trash collection.

The Board discussed the County Tax line item. Terry will ask Jean Newell how much the Grand List increased, to see if the Board could estimate this line item.

The Board discussed with Lee the Highway Budget and Highway Structures Fund. The Board and Lee agreed to take a wait and see approach regarding paving in the fiscal year starting July 1, 2022. This will allow the Board and Lee to see how much the cost of pending FEMA projects will be and the impact to the budget.

The Board will have a special meeting to approve the Budget and Warning. Also needing approval will be to vote by Australian Ballot and not have an in person Town Meeting. This bill is waiting for the Governor's signature.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the budget work session adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk