

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2022

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

Members present: Zeke Goodband, Maria Glabach, Terry Chapman

Members absent: David Baxendale, Rebecca Lotka

Also present: Michael Root-Northeast Paving, Van Wile-BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 3-0 to approve the minutes from November 30, 2022 and December 7, 2022.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 3-0 to approve the payment of warrants 12, & 12P.

Public Comments:

Michael Root with Northeast Paving is requesting to be able to park on Town property north of the covered bridge parking on route 30, next spring. This will be during VT AOT road work to Route 30 between Brattleboro and Newfane. Once the project is complete they will return the area to how it was prior to using. He will send the Board paperwork to approve and sign.

ARPA Funding:

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 3-0 to approve the request to replace door handles at the Town Office, not to exceed \$200.00.

Road Foreman's Report:

FEMA update: None

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 3-0 to approve the curb cut application for 654 Middle Road as approved by Lee Chamberlin, Road Foreman.

The VT Municipal Roads General Permit renewal was tabled until the Board has a hardcopy to sign.

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 3-0 to approve and sign the Better Back Roads Grant.

Also working on:

Dump Truck repairs, should be ready for the next storm.

Grader is having warrantee work done.

Lee is working with Engineers on structures projects. This funding was approved through ARPA funds.

Correspondence for Information:

Terry and Lee took the webinar on Drug and Alcohol Training. The Board will look into updating the Town policy after the New Year.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

No discussion or action taken on emails regarding the Community Center.

New Business:

ARPA Updates & Discussion:

The Grange will be seeking painting bids. The Town Office mini-splits are in and working fine. Lee has talked to the energy committee regarding solar panels on town property.

The Board would like to thank Robert Danzi for his time on the Planning Commission and acknowledges his resignation.

Zeke will write the Winter Views article due 1/10.

BDCC/SeVEDS have requested a letter of support for Southern VT Economic Development. This may have already been federally approved. Zeke will check with them to see if they still need a support letter.

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 3-0 to allow use of the Town Common on Sunday, December 18th, 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm by Jessy Diamondstone. Zeke will let her know.

Ashley Pinger, Animal Control Officer with the Sheriff Department circulated an unlicensed dog letter for use by the Town. This will be put on the next agenda and Terry will forward it to Laurie Frechette.

Per VLCT, January 15, 2023 is the last day town boards and committees can meet entirely on Zoom. After this date, meetings must be in person or hybrid. Terry will send an email reminder to all Town committees.

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 6:20 pm.

BUDGET WORK SESSION FOLLOWING MEETING

The Board discussed adding the Fire Truck to the Capital Plan. Also, possibly shifting some of the Capital Plan “taxes to be raised” into the Highway Structures Fund, seeing as there are no capital expenditures for FY 23/24.

Also discussed, was building up the Highway Structures Fund to be better prepared in the event of another natural disaster.

We are waiting on some figures from Charlotte, to fill in blanks.

The work session adjourned at 7:15 pm

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk