

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2023

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

Members present: Zeke Goodband, Terry Chapman, David Baxendale

Members absent: Maria Glabach, Rebecca Lotka

Also present: Austin Rice-BCTV, Mark Kracum

Minutes:

On a motion by David Baxendale and second from Terry Chapman the Board voted 3-0 to approve the minutes from February 8, 2023.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry Chapman and second from David Baxendale the Board voted 3-0 to approve the payment of warrants 17, 17P, Capital Fund #9 & AP16R. Warrant 17, WW Building Supply for door handle \$103.00 should read from ARPA funds.

ARPA Funding:

The following engineering estimates were received from Waysville Engineering for previously authorized projects: Park Laughton Road \$9,200, Johnsons Curve Road \$8,500 and Leonard Road/Stickney Brook Road \$7,000.

Public Comments:

Road Foreman's Report:

FEMA update: All reporting to the state is complete and awaiting payment.

The Board received a complaint about the road conditions on Green Mountain Camp Road. Zeke has spoken with Lee and Lee has addressed the issue.

On a motion from David Baxendale and second from Terry Chapman the Board voted 3-0 to authorize Lee to sell the Dodge Ram Truck price to start at \$27,000.

Lee will be putting the Highway Building outside boiler out to bid along with the bridge decking timber. The contractor bids for the actual bridge decking replacement will be going out later this fall with work to commence next year.

They have been working on the back roads due to the mud. Stan Howe from the Energy Committee looked at the Highway building lighting. Stan was able to save 2 of the lights from the Covered Bridge to be used at the shop.

Correspondence for Information: None

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

The Board received an email suggesting that the Town should recognize the Community Center Board. On a motion by David Baxendale and second from Terry Chapman the Board voted 3-0 to commend the years of service from the Community Center Board.

New Business:

ARPA Updates & Discussion: Dummerston Cares request. The Board received an email from Bill Schmidt of Dummerston Cares just prior to the meeting regarding their request. This was tabled until another meeting so we could all read it.

Update regarding Act 172 Energy Audit.

David reported that one Town building would be eligible for a free energy audit. There are mini grants of up to \$4,000 to for an energy resilience community capacity study. Then up to \$500,000 that will be prioritized by the highest/high energy burden. Dummerston is considered in the middle. David is going to look into whether the energy audit that we are eligible for is the same as what has already been done on the Town buildings.

Update regarding Regional Policing meeting

Terry went to the Regional Policing meeting hosted by the Windham County Sheriff and attended by many of the Towns in the County. It was a discussion regarding what the Towns and residents are looking for in policing. It is the beginning of a conversation and would be something for future meetings.

On a motion by David Baxendale and second from Terry Chapman the Board voted 3-0 to approve the Updated Drug and Alcohol Policy.

The Board received the resignations of Regina Steffanelli from the Planning Commission and Natalie Pelham-Starkey from the Development Review Board. We thank them for the service to the Town. If anyone is interested in these positions, please contact the Select Board, Planning Commission or the Development Review Board.

Wilder Cemetery Damage

On February 12, 2023 an individual, who has been identified, took a vehicle down into the backside of the Wilder Cemetery and got stuck. The State Police were notified. Lee has checked into how extensive the damage was now that the snow had melted. The lawn area will need to be fixed and reseeded. The area that was dug up had no burials or stones. Cost will be under the \$1,000 deductible for insurance. We will wait to hear back from the State Police.

The PACIF Loss Control Report was received regarding the Community Center and Historical Society buildings. There are some areas that need attention. Terry is going to contact the Community Center Board to set up a time to meet to discuss this and also the review by PACIF regarding the Community Center Insurance. Terry will also send the Historical Society the Loss Control Report.

Unfinished Business:

The Board discussed the informational Zoom meeting taking place on March 1st at 7PM. It will be a chance for residents to meet the candidates for contested races and ask questions about the budgets, Articles and resolution that will be on the Australian ballot. The Zoom meeting ID and passcode as well as call-in information is on the Town Website. Australian ballots may be requested or picked up at the Town Office. In person voting will be available March 7th from 8AM to 7PM at the Town Office.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Terry Chapman made the motion and second from David Baxendale , the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Terry Chapman