

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 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, Maria Glabach, David Baxendale, Alex Wilson

Members absent:

Also present: Randy Hickin, Rick Davis, Gail Sorenson, Chuck Fish, Muriel Taylor, Peter Kelleher-BCTV

On a motion by David and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to elect Zeke as Chair, Terry as Vice Chair and Maria as Clerk.

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the Rules of Procedure and Conflict of Interest Policy.

Minutes:

On a motion by Terry and second from Zeke the Board voted 3-0 with Maria and Alex abstaining to approve the minutes from February 22, 2023 regular meeting.

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 with Alex abstaining to approve the minutes from March 1, 2023 informational meeting with the following clarification Article 7 Highway surplus was \$77,397.69 due to no paving last fiscal year.

Gail Sorenson thanked the Board for holding the Zoom informational meeting.

Warrants:

On a motion by David and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 18, 18P, 17APR, & Capital Fund #10.

ARPA Funding:

The Board and Randy Hickin and Rick Davis from the Community Center discussed the need to replace the water heater and pressure tank.

On a motion by David and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of \$5,874.90 to replace the water heater and pressure tank at the Community Center. Terry will request a pay warrant for the next meeting.

On a motion by Terry and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Historical Society to install heat pumps. At a cost of \$11,410.00. The Historical Society will look further into if a roof structure is needed.

(moved up from new business)

The Board and the Historical Society discussed the recommendation from a recent PACIF inspection that smoke & CO2 alarms be installed. The Historical Society will purchase and install two of them. It was suggested that they could contact Rick Looman at the Fire Department for help with installation. When completed they will let Terry know, so she can let PACIF know.

Public Comments: None

Road Foreman's Report:

FEMA update: Payment received for a large portion, waiting on the State's 5% portion and the administrative costs.

The 2017 Dodge truck may need a turbo. The new truck is having trouble with a valve, this will be covered by warranty. There has been some interest in the truck for sale. The consensus of the Board was that Lee could use his discretion on offers on the truck.

The following outside boiler bids were opened, this will be awarded at a future meeting:

Northern Outdoor Furnace's \$19,925.66

New England Outdoor Furnace's \$24,043.00

Lee will review and get back to the Board.

The following Covered Bridge oak decking bids were opened:

W.W. Building Supply (7500 board feet) \$25,000.00

Perkins Home Center (7500 board feet) \$24,420.00

Allard Lumber (7000 board feet) \$17,500.00

Lee will review and get back to the Board.

Correspondence for Information: None

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action: None

New Business:

ARPA Updates & Discussion: Terry and Charlotte will be meeting in early April to work on the required reporting.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to make the following appointments:

Planning Commission – Annamarie Pluhar

Development Review Board – Jason Doubleday

Zoning Administrator – Roger Jasaitis

Recreation Board – Maeve Jenks

Road Foreman – Lee Chamberlin

First Constable – Lewis White

Health Officer – David Baxendale

Weigher of Coal – Ruth Barton

Poundkeeper – Ron Svec
Inspector of Wood & Lumber – Lewis White
Tree Warden – Godfrey Renaud
Fence Viewers – Ruth Barton & Harold Newell
Emergency Management Directors – Marty Forrett & Lewis White
Green-Up Day Chair – Mark Brown
Cemetery Committee – Lee Chamberlin, Terry Chapman, Jean Newell, & Lewis White
Senior Solutions Representative – Carol Lynch
Rescue Inc, Representative – Harold Newell & Lew Teich as Reserve
E-911 Contact – Listers
Police Advisory Board Liaison – Terry Chapman
Social Services Committee – Sandra Campbell, Libby Lafland, Terri Robinson, Bill Pelz-Walsh & Nancy Pelz-Walsh

No one was elected to the position of Lister. Jean Newell sent the Board a letter expressing her interest to be appointed until town meeting next year. The Board will post the opening on the town website and make an appointment on March 22nd.

The Board tabled the request form WRC regarding the State Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Questions.

Terry will write the next Views article due 3/28.

Zeke welcomed new board member Alex Wilson and thanked Rebecca Lotka for her time served on the Board.

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to sign the contract for services with Vermont Services.

All Articles on the Town Meeting Australian ballot passed. As well as the following advisory non-binding resolution:

Whereas, Dummerston Cares supports equity in social engagement and in governance, its Board of Trustees calls for the voters of Dummerston to adopt a Declaration of Inclusion.

Therefore,

We resolve that the people of Dummerston welcome all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, differing ability, economic status, and education.

We commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community.

We value respectful civic engagement in all forms.

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 7:00 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk