

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2023

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 5:45 pm at the Community Center in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Zeke Goodband, Maria Glabach, Alex Wilson

Members absent: David Baxendale

Also present: Laurie Frechette-Town Clerk, Charlotte Neer-Annis-Town Treasurer, Lee Chamberlin-Road Foreman, Gail & Lew Sorenson, Jody & Paul Normandeau, Janis Chaillou-BCTV (many town residents starting arrive for meeting at 7pm)

Executive Session:

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 3-0 to recess the meeting and enter executive session as provided in Vermont Statute Title 1, Chapter 5, subsection 2 313(a) #3 personnel matter at 5:45 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 3-0 to close executive session and resume the meeting at 5:55 pm.

Minutes:

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 3-0 to approve the minutes from May 3, 2023.

Warrants:

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 3-0 to approve the payment of warrants 23, 23P, 23R & Conservation Commission #3.

ARPA Funding:

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 3-0 to authorize deposit payments totaling \$8,483.00 to Farnum Insulators for the Town Office work.

Public Comments: None

Road Foreman's Report:

FEMA update: None

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 3-0 to approve the curb cut permit for 615 Beaver Pond Road. The permit was reviewed by Lee.

The following paving bids were opened at the May 3rd meeting:

All State Construction \$95.00 per ton, milling \$2.00 sq. yd.

Bazin Brothers \$101.15 per ton, milling \$1.55 sq. yd.

Northeast Paving \$135.50 per ton, milling \$3.55 sq. yd.

Lee has reviewed them and has recommended All State Construction.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 3-0 to award the paving bid to All State Construction. Lee will let them know.

Lee talked with the Board regarding the repairs necessary to the highway garage roof. One estimate received was for \$15,730.00. He will be looking into getting additional estimates and will have more information later this month. This may be a good project for ARPA funds.

The Board received an email from Jody Normandeau regarding unsafe conditions on sharp corners on Middle Road. Lee looked at the areas and stated that the edge has not gotten worse and that there was no erosion. He will check with the state regarding repainting the fog line. Lee will also look into adding a rumble strip to the center line.

The pad for the new boiler was poured today. Installation of the new boiler is at least two weeks out. This is an ARPA project.

Correspondence for Information: No discussion

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

There was a request from Alexis Doshas from the Native Plant Trust to collect seeds of native species from the Town Common. Zeke met with her and they realized that an area near the Town Office parking lot could be utilized. Therefore, allowing the Common to be mowed.

On a motion by Alex and second from Maria the Board voted 3-0 to allow the Native Plant Trust to harvest seeds from the Town Office lawn.

The Board received an email requesting that the Town fund an appraisal for a property for sale on Middle Road. The email also requested that the Town purchase the property. Maria felt that this was private property and that the Town doesn't need to own more property. Alex wanted to know if the property had any natural significance. The Board has not heard from the Conservation Commission.

VLCT PACIF report on Historical Society and Community Center buildings: Gail Sorenson stated that the Historical Society has not yet purchased smoke detectors and there is a plan to install a new railing. The Board will follow up with the Community Center.

New Business:

ARPA Updates & Discussion: The request from DV Fiber for \$5,550.00 was tabled. Gail Sorenson requested an updated ARPA worksheet.

The Board received notice from David Baxendale that he will be retiring on June 1st. This open seat will be posted, anyone interested should send an email to the Board by May 29th.

A motion was made by Alex to appoint Todd Davidson to the open Selectboard seat. No second received, motion was not considered.

On a motion by Maria and second from Zeke the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Lewis White to the open Selectboard seat until town meeting March 2024. Maria will let him know and Zeke will speak with Todd Davidson.

On a motion by Maria and second from Zeke the Board voted 3-0 to move the Selectboard meetings back to the Town Office effective with the next meeting on May 31st. The Historical Society building is available if a larger meeting space is needed.

Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) Grant - Tabled

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 3-0 to sign the Windham County Humane Society Contract for \$586.00.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 3-0 to sign the Grand List filing extension as requested by the Listers.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 3-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 6:45 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 2-0 with Zeke abstaining to approve the liquor catering/special event permit requests for events at Scott Farm on 6/14, 7/12, 8/9, 8/13, 8/19, 8/26, 9/20, & 10/8.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Jody Normandeau asked if the Middle Road corners were discussed with Lee.

Unfinished Business:

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Alex, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk