

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 31, 2023

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

Members present: Zeke Goodband, Maria Glabach, Alex Wilson, David Baxendale, Lewis White

Members absent:

Also present: Katie Gormley-Berg, Peter Kelleher-BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by Alex and second from Maria the Board voted 3-0 with David and Lewis abstaining to approve the minutes from May 17, 2023.

On a motion by Alex and second from Lewis the Board voted 4-0 with David abstaining to approve the minutes from May 24, 2023.

Warrants:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 24 & 24P.

ARPA Funding:

Warrant #24 included a \$19,010.00 ARPA payment for covered bridge decking material.

Public Comments: None

Road Foreman's Report:

FEMA update: None

Zeke will respond to an email received regarding the Slab Hollow bank erosion. The area in question was determined to be on private property.

Zeke will follow-up with Lee regarding the progress on rumble strips on the Middle Road curves.

Correspondence for Information:

The Board briefly discussed the DRB appeal. The Board should not interfere with the DRB application process.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

No updates regarding an email received 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.

Follow-up regarding the VLCT PACIF report on Historical Society and Community Center buildings: No update from the Historical Society. Zeke will check in with Randy Hickin regarding the Community Center.

The Historical Society has requested to have the area along the stream mowed. The consensus of the Board was to wait until Fall. Zeke will talk to Brett Castine.

New Business:

ARPA Updates & Discussion: The Board discussed the request from DV Fiber for \$5,550.00. David made a motion for \$2,250.00, then withdrew it. Alex will see if Eric Lineback is available for the next meeting, as the Board would like more information.

The Board received notice from David Baxendale that he will be retiring on June 1st. On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 with David abstaining to accept David's resignation from the Selectboard effective June 1st. The Board thanked him for his time on the Board. He will continue as the Health Officer.

On a motion by Maria and second from Zeke the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Lewis as Vice Chair.

It was the consensus of the Board to turn the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) Grant over to the Energy Committee to research and make a recommendation to the Board.

On a motion by Lewis and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to approve at least three weeks temporary sick leave pay to the Town Clerk.

Road Foreman, Lee signed the request from Green Mountain Power to install poles on Spaulding Hill Road.

Lewis will act as point person for the PACIF structures appraisals.

David will write the Views article due 6/20.

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP). This was completed by Marty Forrett, EMD with no changes made. Maria will send to Alyssa at Windham Regional Commission.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the employee salary increases. These were approved at the Town Meeting vote and will take effect July 1st.

On a motion by Maria and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 6:44 pm.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 with Zeke abstaining to approve the liquor catering request for an event at Scott Farm on 6/10 from 4-10 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from David the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Unfinished Business: None

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Lewis, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk