

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 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, Lewis White

Members absent:

Also present: Jody Normandeau, Gail Sorenson, Chuck Fish, MaryEllen Copeland, Ed Anthes, Eric Lineback, Steve John-DV Fiber, Brian Guerino-BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from May 31, 2023.

Warrants:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of warrants 25, 25P & Recreation Board #8.

ARPA Funding:

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Historical Society exterior painting for \$1,900.00.

The Board discussed with Steve John from DV Fiber and Eric Lineback, the town's DV Fiber Representative, the request for \$5,550.00. These funds would be used to help connect about 20 Dummerston residence to broadband. Dummerston is in phase 4, which is about 1 -2 years out.

Public Comments:

Representing the Green Mountain Conservancy, Ed Anthes and MaryEllen Copeland asked the Board for a letter of support to purchase 30 acres in Dummerston. They are not seeking any funds, just a letter of support. Alex noted that he has a conflict of interest, as he serves on the Conservancy board. This will be warned on the next meeting agenda.

Gail invited the Board and public to visit the Historical Society's photo exhibit. Chuck Fish announced the Historical Society will be celebrating Don Hazelton on July 20th.

Road Foreman's Report:

The Highway garage roof repair estimates were tabled until a meeting when Lee can attend.

There was a lightning strike at the Highway garage, causing damage to the generator and fuel pump. The generator has been repaired. The fuel pump is still not working. The garage wiring needs to be addressed.

Lee is waiting on prices regarding the rumble strips for curves on Middle Road. The State is not interested in helping with this cost.

Lee and Zeke will be meeting regarding the bank erosion concerns on Schoolhouse Road.

The road crew has been working on stone lined ditches on Black Mountain, Dutton Farm, and Kipling Roads.

The mowing tractor is at Pinnacleview Equipment to repair a 3-point hitch housing crack.

Correspondence for Information: No discussion

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

Follow-up regarding the VLCT PACIF report on Historical Society and Community Center buildings: The Historical Society has completed the necessary repairs. Zeke will let PACIF know. No updates from the Community Center.

The school nurse, MaryAnn Runge has requested \$1,500.00 from Miller Fund to send 8-10 children to summer camp.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the request of \$1,500.00 from the Miller Fund.

New Business:

ARPA Updates & Discussion:

Alex made a motion and second from Zeke to authorize \$5,550.00 for DV Fiber. The Board discussed the request. Alex withdrew the motion. This was tabled.

The Board discussed the request from Green Mountain Camp for Girls for \$20,063.85. The consensus of the Board was not to act on this request. Zeke will let them know.

The Board will ask Lee to attend the next meeting to discuss the Highway garage roof replacement. Lee has estimated the cost to be \$160,000.00 to \$200,000.00.

Gail Sorenson asked to have the ARPA Worksheet included with the minutes.

Lee and Charlotte may be requesting ARPA funds to cover highway budget overages.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Todd Davidson to fill the open Selectboard seat until Town Meeting 2024. Zeke will let him know.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Charlotte Neer-Annis as Acting Lister until Town Meeting 2024. Zeke will let her know.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to allow Gathering Place to hold their Annual 4 Mile Race on 9/9/2023.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to sign the Windham County Sheriff's contract at an hourly rate of \$62.00, fiscal year total of \$17,980.00 and the Animal Control Officer contract for a fiscal year total of \$4,470.00.

The Lydia Taft Pratt Library requested to use the Town Common on 7/6 at 3:00 pm. On a motion by Alex and second from Lewis the Board voted 4-0 to allow the Library to use the Common on 7/6. Zeke will let them know.

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 4-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 7:15 pm. On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to approve the liquor special event request from Putney Mountain Winery for an events at KOA Campground on 6/24 and 7/1. On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Jody Normandeau asked a procedural question regarding when the public could speak. Zeke stated during public comment time and also any time during the meeting. The public just needs to get the attention of the Chair to be recognized.

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 7:18 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk