

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 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, Lewis White, Todd Davidson

Members absent: Alex Wilson

Also present: Charlotte Neer-Annis, Laurie Frechette, Lee Chamberlin, Paul Chapman, Randy Hickin, Lester Dunklee, Brian Guerino-BCTV

Zeke welcomed Todd to the Board.

Minutes:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 3-0 with Todd abstaining to approve the minutes from June 28, 2023.

Warrants:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Todd the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of warrants 1, 1P, and Ratify 26R, Reappraisal Fund #2 & AP#1R.

New Business: (moved up on the agenda)

The Listers requested for the Board to consider the HS122 Homestead Declaration Late Penalty fees. Laurie and Charlotte are not in favor of charging penalties. The Board discussed options. On a motion by Lewis and second from Todd the Board voted 4-0 to not charge penalty fees for HS122 Homestead Declaration late filing.

Charlotte and Laurie calculated the proposed property tax rates and sent them to the Board for review. On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to set the municipal property tax rate at \$.3483 and the local agreement rate at \$.00053.

ARPA Funding:

The Board discussed with Randy Hickin and Paul Chapman, Community Center board members, their fund request for basement projects.

Window & door replacement \$10,170.00

Window Quilts \$2,072.00

Heat for the gathering room \$7,672.00

Sound abatement \$3,500.00

Clean-up old H2O room \$1,900.00

The Energy Committee suggested looking into other grant funds, however Dummerston is low on the list and most likely would not receive funds.

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 4-0 to authorize \$26,764.00 for the Community Center projects.

Other pending projects at the Community Center are: drainage and electrical.

Public Comments: None

Road Foreman's Report:

Lee and Lewis looked at the highway garage roof and it is their recommendation that only a repair is needed not an entire roof replacement. The chimney also needs to be repaired. The road crew will repair the chimney. Lee will confirm the estimate for the roof repair and let the Board know.

Lee received the engineering for the Park Laughton Road structure project. This area was damaged during the recent storm. He will not apply for FEMA funds.

The Leonard Road structure, Lee estimates costing \$140,000 to \$190,000. He is waiting on engineering. The Johnson Curve Road project will be on hold until State money can be used. He is also waiting for engineering on this project.

Storm Damage: Roads damaged during the recent storm are: Park Laughton, Bunker, and Greenhoe Roads. Lee will seek FEMA funds for the Bunker Road damage only. He estimated \$5,000 to repair Bunker Road. Recently, repaired Camp Arden Road held up great.

Paving on East-West Road is complete. Lee thought it looked great. Line painting is scheduled for late August/early September. This may be delayed due to rain.

Grant In Aid projects on Dutton Farm Road is complete. New culverts were installed where needed. Kipling Road is in progress. The rented excavator needs to be returned at the end of July.

Correspondence for Information:

Zeke will write a letter regarding the proposed health insurance rate increase.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

Follow-up regarding the VLCT PACIF report on necessary updates needed at the Community Center. All necessary updates/repairs have been done, with the exception of the attic stair hand rail. Zeke will let Wade at PACIF know.

Zeke spoke with the Sheriff Department regarding patrol hours and the \$1,900 billing for the last week of June. It should have only been for 4 hours and they will work it into the fiscal year starting on July 1st.

New Business:

ARPA Updates & Discussion:

The Board discussed the Congregational Church request for funds to purchase a tent. This item is still tabled. Lewis will speak to the Community Center and the Fire Department to see if either is interested in owning a tent.

Maria will update the ARPA worksheet and send to the Board.

The Listers request for the Board to consider the HS122 Homestead Declaration Late Penalty fees. (moved to the beginning of meeting).

Set the property tax rate (moved to the beginning of meeting)

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to sign the fire truck purchase contract for \$500,140.00.

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 6:55 pm.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Todd, Maria offered a friendly amendment to change the event end time to 10:00 pm, Lewis accepted the friendly amendment and the Board voted 3-0 with Zeke abstaining to approve the Liquor Catering License for an event at Scott Farm on 7/29/23 from 3-10:00 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 6:59 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 7:00 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk