

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 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, Alex Wilson
Members absent:

Also present: Christine Geopp, John Anderson, Brian Guerino-BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from July 26, 2023.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 with Lewis abstaining to approve the minutes from August 2, 2023.

Warrants:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 3 & 3P.

Warrant 3 includes payment for paving of \$155,000.00, of which some will be covered by a State paving grant. Also includes ARPA payments to the Community Center.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 with Lewis abstaining to approve the payment of warrant 3A.

The Board briefly spoke about Charlotte not running again for Treasurer. Anyone interested in this position should contact Charlotte or the Town Office.

ARPA Funding:

Highway garage roof repair estimate - tabled

Public Comments: None

Road Foreman's Report:

Update on bridge inspections – no updates

The Board received an email regarding Sunset Lake Road conditions. Lee is aware of this.

AOT Town Roads Closure Status Maps & Dashboard – no action taken.

The Crew has been working on roadside mowing and cleaning culverts.

Correspondence for Information:

Lewis had questions regarding the Sheriff's Stars Report, he will contact them and will update the Board at the next meeting.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

Update regarding Salmon Brook erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Engineers will assess the properties next week. Todd and/or Lewis will meet with them.

ANR Salmon Brook geomorphic assessment – No update

Zeke will contact Roger and Lee and set up a time for employee reviews.

ANR re: MSGP filing for Dummerston-Putney Gravel Pit – No action taken as the Town Office is set up as the contact.

New Business:

ARPA Updates & Discussion: None

The Board talked with Christine Geopp and John Anderson, with the Conservation Commission, regarding the Covered Bridge steps project. Lewis brought up concerns regarding ongoing maintenance and repairs. He suggested the Commission set aside funds for future repairs/replacement. They felt the cost to maintain the steps would be minimal. Christine, did feel the Memorandum of Understanding could be improved upon. It was unclear where they were in the permitting process. The Board never received notice of the DRB hearing.

On a motion by Maria and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Thomas Nolan to the Energy Committee until March 2024.

On a motion by Todd and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Mathew Hoffman as the Windham Regional Commission representative until March 2024.

On a motion by Todd and second from Lewis the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Community Capacity Building Mini Grant for \$4,000.00 received by the Energy Committee. Alex explained that this could be used to cover many broad opportunities. Such as, resilience, backup charging systems, energy audits, surveys, and online resources.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 6:48 pm.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 with Zeke abstaining to approve the Liquor Catering request from Next Stage Arts for an event at Scott Farm on August 9th, 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm and the Special Event Permit request for Scott Farm 9/17, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 6:49 pm.

Unfinished Business: None

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Alex, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk