

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 2023

Prior to the meeting – Employee Review with Zoning Administrator, Roger Jasaitis.

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: Roger Jasaitis, Mark Younger, Brian Guerino-BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from August 9, 2023.

Warrants:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 4 & 4P.

ARPA Funding:

Highway garage roof repair estimate – tabled, Lee is still waiting on a price.

Public Comments:

There was a lively discussion between the Board, Zoning Administrator-Roger and Mark Younger. Mr. Younger purchased land on Middle Road and is unhappy and unclear regarding the permitting process. Abutting neighbors have filed an appeal, which will go before the DRB. Roger will forward all emails between himself and a neighbor to Mr. Younger and the Board. Roger and Todd will look into signature requirements on the appeal request from the neighbors.

Road Foreman's Report:

Lee and Charlotte met with FEMA regarding Bunker Road storm damage.

The Board received a response to their request of an inspection of the Covered Bridge for resiliency from future storm. The State does not do this type of inspection and suggested getting in touch with the Army Corp of Engineers. Alex will contact them. Lewis does not think raising the bridge is feasible.

The Board received a letter questioning the Right of way off West Street, is it a town road or was it ever thrown up. The Town considers this a Class 3 road. Lewis and Todd will look at it. The Board will consider the options at a future meeting.

Correspondence for Information:

Lewis has not heard back from the Sheriff's Dept. regarding questions he had with the Stars Report. He believes the "GHS" may have something to do with grant hours.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

Update regarding Salmon Brook erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Engineers meet on 8/17, looked at all the properties and will make an assessment. The report will include Schoolhouse Road. The Board is waiting for the report.

The Board did Rogers employee review prior to this meeting and Zeke will complete the paperwork for the Board to review at the next meeting. Lee will meet with the Board prior to the next meeting on 9/6.

The board received an email regarding trash at 3950 West River Road. Lewis and Todd will look at the property. Zeke will respond to the email if the parcel is not town property.

The consensus of the Board was to not participate in the Greenup VT, Flood Recovery Clean Up Program.

The Windham NAACP Chapter is looking for the Town to sponsor an event this fall. The consensus of the Board was there were no funds available. Zeke will respond.

New Business:**ARPA Updates & Discussion:**

The church asked about their request for funds to purchase a tent. Lewis will contact the Community Center and Alex will contact the Fire Department to see if either entity would be willing to own a tent and rent it for events. There is an ongoing question regarding the separation of church and state and if ARPA funds can be used by the Church. No decision was made.

Zeke attended the Sheriff's Department Animal Control Meeting via Zoom. This was a very short annual meeting required by their bylaws. They may consider meeting later in the year, so as to include a discussion regarding budgeting.

Lewis recused himself and left the table during this discussion. The Treasurer asked the Board to confirm the Highway part-time and EMD hourly wages. Both were set at \$18.00 per hour during budget meetings and voted in at Town Meeting. Lewis returned to the table.

The Town Treasurer also asked what the status was on her receiving paid holidays. Neither Zeke nor Maria recalled discussing this during budget meetings. Maria suggested referring to the Personnel Policy.

The Board discussed that Charlotte will not be seeking reelection as Treasurer. No one has expressed an interest in the Treasurer's position. Alex will contact VLCT to see what the options are for hiring a treasurer.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to approve holiday pay for the Town Treasurer, effective now.

Maria pointed out that this line item will be over budget.

Alex will write the Views article due 9/12. He will include information regarding the Treasurers open seat after Town Meeting. Also, include current open committee and commission seats. *(this item was added to the agenda at the start of the meeting)*

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 7:40 pm.

On a motion by Alex and second from Lewis the Board voted 4-0 with Zeke abstaining to approve the Special Event request from Scott Farm on 10/21 4pm to 10pm.

On a motion by Alex and second from Lewis the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Special Event request from Whetstone Brewery on 9/9 10am to 6pm at Kampfires.

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 7:41 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 7:41 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk