

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 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, Eslerh Oreste-BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from September 6, 2023.

Warrants:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 6, 6P & Farmland Protection Fund #1. Warrant 6 includes payment to the Community Center for \$529.50 from ARPA Funds.

ARPA Funding:

Highway garage roof repair estimate received from Walker & Company Roofing for \$7,500.00 and \$460.00. Total \$7,960.00.

On a motion by Maria and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Highway garage roof repair to proceed, estimated at \$7,960.00 from Walker & Company Roofing.

Highway garage chimney flashing repair (if needed) estimate from Walker & Company Roofing not to exceed \$4,000.00. Walker Roofing and Lee will determine if the flashing repair is necessary.

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Highway garage chimney flashing repair (if needed) estimate not to exceed \$4,000.00 from Walker & Company Roofing to proceed.

Community Center basement air exchanger & Boiler fresh air estimate from Gassett Energy for \$5,285.00. This item was tabled and deferred to the Energy Committee. The Energy Committee will contact the Community Center.

Community Center drainage and foundation estimate from Grover Services for \$12,000.00. This work was recommended during the building inspection. Alex is concerned that the Community Center is not looking at the big picture. Zeke let him know that the Energy Committee can reach out to the Community Center.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 4-1, with Alex voting no, to authorize the Community Center drainage and foundation estimate of \$12,000.00 from Grover Services to proceed.

Zeke will contact Chuck Fish from the Historical Society and let him know that there is no problem waiting until next year to do the exterior painting.

Public Comments:

Christine Geopp, Conservation Commission Chair spoke with the Board regarding the Covered Bridge step project Operation & Maintenance contract. Lewis had concerns about the length of time the Conservation Commission will maintain the steps and does not want to see the Town incur costs. Christine said the Conservation Commission is willing to keep it up past the required 10 years. Maria asked who the Town will be signing the contract with, as it is a requirement of the State to receive the grant money. Will it be the State of VT, WNRCD, Installers, or the Conservation Commission? Christine seemed to think it would be with the Grantor. Alex sees no concerns, Lewis felt we should be doing our due diligence to all taxpayers in Town and Maria felt, that if we are going to be signing a 10 year contract, we should know who we a signing with and the terms.

Zeke commented that he wanted to acknowledge that Charlotte was the previous Zoning Administrator and she did a great job. He stated the Town was lucky to have her and all previous Zoning Administrators.

Road Foreman's Report:

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 Lee looked at this, they think it only effects one homeowner. They will need to do more research. The Board took no action and this is tabled for a future meeting.

Todd asked if the white fog lines will be painted on East-West Road. Lewis said, yes, the lines will be painted.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to approve the curb cut permit application for Rich Cogliano at 1195 Middle Road.

Correspondence for Information:

Alex emailed to the Board the VLCT information regarding the Treasurer position.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

Update regarding Salmon Brook erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program – no updates

Executive Session:

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 5-0 to enter executive session as provided in Vermont Statute, Title 1, Chapter 5, Subsection 2 313(a), #3 at 6:45 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 5-0 to reconvene the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action: (continued):

Employee Reviews - tabled

Covered Bridge step project – operation & maintenance contract tabled

New Business:

ARPA Updates & Discussion:

Highway Department requested ARPA funds to cover Park Laughton Road structure. Lee estimated the cost at \$220,000.00.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to have Lee put the Park Laughton Road structure out to bid. Lewis will let Lee know.

The church purchased the tent themselves.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Errors & Omissions Certificates from the Listers. One was a property assessment change and the other was a homestead classification change. *(the homestead change was added at the beginning of the meeting)*

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 5-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 7:00 pm.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Liquor Catering requests from Putney Mountain Winery for events at KOA Campground on 9/30/23 & 10/21/23.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 with Zeke abstaining to approve the catering request for SIT for an event at Scott Farm on 10/12/23, 4-10 pm. *(this item was added at the beginning of the meeting)*

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Unfinished Business: None

There being no other business to come before the Board, Lewis made the motion and second from Maria, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk