

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2024

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, Alex Wilson, Todd Davidson

Members absent:

Also present: Carrie Towle, David Wicker, Johnny Gifford, BCTV Executive Director, Peter Kelleher-BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from January 24, 2024 as originally posted with no changes.

Warrants:

On a motion by Lewis and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 16, 16P & Recreation Board #2.

ARPA Funding:

Warrant 16 above included payment for Town Office septic pipe repairs from ARPA funds for \$751.00.

The Town Office requested to have the previously authorized sign replacement for \$500.00 removed from the ARPA requests. Maria will see if the Town Office could send a thank you note to Hatch Space and Bruce Berg for the donated sign.

Public Comments: None

Road Foreman's Report:

The Board received an email regarding downed trees in Salmon Brook. This was referred to Scott Jensen at the State. Zeke will get in touch with the resident and let them know, they can clean up downed trees with the property owners permission. Any trees standing, they must get approval from the State to remove.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to sign the VT-AOT Mileage Certificates. No mileage has changed.

Update on the West Village right of way: It was the consensus of the Board to have Eliza do some deed research prior to sending it to the Bob Fisher, Town Attorney. The road is considered a class 3 road, but not maintained. Residents along the area in question have requested the area be thrown up and revert to the property owners.

The VT AOT highway grants are for Lee to consider.

Correspondence for Information:

Johnny Gifford, the new Executive Director for BCTV introduced himself to the Board.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

BCTV requested information regarding Town Meeting schedule. Zeke stated that on Wednesday, February 21st there will be a Town Meeting informational meeting at the Community Center. Town meeting is March 5th at 10:00 am at the Dummerston School. Johnny Gifford will send hybrid meeting information to the Board.

Update regarding Salmon Brook erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program: Todd reported that paperwork is submitted and everything is on pace.

Todd will forward the Connecticut River Joint Commissions survey to Phillip Geopp, Dummerston's representative to the commission.

New Business:

ARPA Updates – Maria will clean up the worksheets by moving any projects that have not been/or will not be authorized to a separate work sheet. Lewis stated, Lee would like the Highway items left as authorized. Maria has not heard back from the Recreation Board regarding their projects not completed. The Energy Committee would like the Board to consider using some of the fund to cover town garage lights. The Energy Committee is seeking grant money, but possibly not all of the cost will be covered. Lee is putting together bid specs to get prices.

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 5-0 to recess the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Public Hearing on Zoning Bylaw Changes 7:00 PM

Zeke call the public hearing to order at 7:00 pm.

No public present

Maria briefly reviewed the two proposed bylaw changes to landscaping and screening requirements for solar panels and air transportation facilities.

No public comments.

On a motion by Zeke and second from Lewis the Board voted 5-0 to close the public hearing and reconvene the meeting at 7:05 pm.

New Business: (continued)

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 0-5 to not approve the Zoning Bylaw changes to Landscaping Screening re: ground mounted solar panels and Air Transportation Facilities. The Board felt that with the State encouraging solar, requiring landscaping would be more restrictive. The Board felt air transportation facilities were not an issue at this time in Dummerston. Alex will email Daniel Gehring, Planning Commission Chair.

Zeke announced that the next meeting on February 21st will be at the Community Center, the regular meeting will be at 6:00 pm and the Town Meeting Informational meeting and the Meet the Candidates will be a 7:00 pm.

Unfinished Business:

Investing Farmland Protection Fund Monies – tabled until after Town Meeting.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Lewis made the motion and second from Maria, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk