

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2024

This meeting was called to order by Todd Davidson, Chair, at 6:00 pm at the Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Maria Glabach, Alex Wilson, Todd Davidson, Tom Nolan, Paul Adler

Members absent:

Also present: Terry Chapman, Beverly Tier, Claudia Blocher, Skip Fletcher, Peter Kelleher-BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 with Paul abstaining to approve the minutes from March 6, 2024.

Warrants:

On a motion by Alex and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 19, 19P, 18R & Conservation Commission #3

ARPA Funding:

Warrant 19 included payments to the Community Center for electrical, \$12,014.21 & basement floor project, \$1,193.41

Warrant 18R included payments to the Fire Department for pagers, \$2604.00 & electrical panel upgrade, \$319.38.

Public Comments: None

Road Foreman's Report:

West Village – ROW/Town road update: Eliza is pulling history, deeds, and maps to send to the Town Attorney for an opinion. This will remain on the agenda.

Stormwater Municipal Road Permit is due April 1st – Todd will check in with Lee on this.

PACIF Report regarding the Highway Garage – Todd will check in with Lee on this.

Correspondence for Information:

Todd will respond to the letter from Ericka Stahl regarding a town forest.

Paul will reach out to the Sheriff's Department, to get information regarding other town's coverage.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

Update regarding Salmon Brook erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program: It is at the stage of needing engineering estimates. The original program required the property owner to cover 25% of the cost. This has changed to the program will cover 100% of the cost. Todd will follow up on this to see if the other properties would also qualify for 100% cost coverage.

New Business:

ARPA Updates – None

On a motion by Maria and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to make the following appointments:

DRB – Alan McBean

Conservation Commission – John Anderson, Christine Geopp, Rick Mills, Lynn Levine

Energy Committee – Calvin Farwell

Road Foreman – Lee Chamberlin

Weigher of Coal – Ruth Barton

Poundkeeper – Ron Svec

Fence Viewer – Harold Newell, Ruth Barton

Windham Regional Commission – Todd Davidson, Matthew Hoffman

Interim Delinquent Tax Collector – Charlotte Neer-Annis

WSWMD Representative – Michelle Cherrier

Cemetery Committee – Lee Chamberlin

Senior Solutions Representative – Carol Lynch

Rescue Inc. Representative – Harold Newell & Alternate – Lew Teich

CT River Joint Commission – Phillip Geopp

VT Community Development Program – Jack Manix

E-911 Contact – Listers

Farmland Committee – Noah Haskins, Diana Lischer, Jack Manix, Read Miller, Elizabeth Wood,
June Levinsohn

Police Advisory Board Liaison – Paul Adler

Deerfield Valley Communications District – Eric Lineback, Alternate David Evans

The Board will discuss at the next meeting and consider filling the Health Officer's duties.

Alex will write the Spring Views article which is due 3/26.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) comments due to Windham Regional:

Maria found some typos and will send a list to Todd to reach out to Alyssa at WRC. Also of concern were items the Fire Department added regarding construction of an emergency ramp to I91 at the end of Dummerston Station Road, the purchase of an ATV for access to the rail bed along the river and statements regarding their ISO rating. The Board heard concerns from Terry Chapman, Beverly Tier and Claudia Blocher. Alex stated that he had heard from Jack Manix, who has property on the Road. Todd stated that Fire Chief, Larry Pratt had spoken to him at Town Meeting regarding the emergency ramp. This will remain on the agenda for follow-up.

Unfinished Business:

Investing Farmland Protection Fund Monies – Todd will invite the Treasurer to the next meeting. The hope is to invest at least some of the fund to earn better interest.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Alex, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Alex Wilson, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk