

UNAPPROVED

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

May 15, 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:** Paul Chapman, Jeff Marsden-Bazin Bros., Lee Chamberlin-Road Foreman, Natalie Blake, Gurudharm Khalsa, Catherine O'Callaghan, Kelly Wicker, David Wicker, Rick Davis, Fred Eldrich-Allstate, Tom Ochio-Putney Rowing Club, Peter Cortes-Putney Rowing Club, Peter Kelleher-BCTV. On Zoom: Rowan Khalsa

**Minutes:**

On a motion by Alex and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from May 1, 2024.

Minutes from May 13, 2024 were tabled until next meeting.

**Warrants:**

On a motion by Alex and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 23, 23P & Cemetery Fund #3. Cemetery Fund warrant added to the agenda.

**ARPA Funding:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Road Foreman's Report:**

West Village – ROW/Town road #61 update:

Todd summarized the documents received from the Town Attorney. All deeds/documents will be at the Town Office for residents to review until the May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. At the May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board will vote on whether or not to discontinue the road. Todd made it clear the Town does not own the north end of the road, it is private property. Town highway #61 is .14 miles.

1. The Selectboard can vote to discontinue a road.
2. A petition of 5% of the voters can request a discontinuance of a road.
3. An abutter to an unidentified corridor can ask for it to be discontinued.

The Selectboard has 30 days to warn a public hearing, a site visit will take place, then a hearing is held. There was some discussion with residents present.

The Putney Rowing Club questioned where Dummerston Station Road ends. They are having trouble with vandalism and would like to install a gate. The Rowing Club will give a key to the fire department and another property owner.

Lee and Paul will meet to measure Dummerston Station Road and Town Highway #61.

The following paving bids were opened:

Allstate –paving \$96.50 per ton, milling \$1.75 per square yard

Bazin Bros. – paving \$96.95 per ton, milling \$1.50 per square yard

North East Paving – paving \$150.00 per ton, milling \$2.75 per square yard

The section to be paved is East-West Road from the Slab Hollow Bridge to Route 5 and Miller Road. Lee will review the bids and come back in two weeks.

An energy audit of the highway garage was completed. The crew has been working on East-West Road prepping for paving. A beaver pond washed out on Camp Arden Road, causing minor damage. Lee and Paul will meet to measure Dummerston Station Road and Town Highway #61.

**Correspondence for Information:** No Discussion

**Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:**

The Native Plant Trust would like to collect seeds again this year from the Town Office lawn. Laurie has contacted Brett and told him not to mow that area.

BDCC – SoVT Zone CEDS Survey – Todd did not attend, but will contact them.

The Dummerston School Playground Committee is asking the Board to contribute fund towards a port-a-potty for the playing fields. Todd will give them the contact information for the Recreation Board.

**New Business:**

On a motion by Maria and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign the updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).

Prior to the meeting the Board met with a few residents interested in serving on committees.

On a motion by Todd and second from Tom the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Nick Boyarko to the Energy Committee, Bill Connolly and Lew Teich to the Conservation Commission.

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Ron Svec to the Conservation Commission.

**Unfinished Business:**

Investing Farmland Protection Fund Monies – Tabled

Update regarding Salmon Brook erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program: The RFP for engineering will go out the end of the week. Lee and Meghan-VT roads person in this area will review them. The process will take about 30 days.

Paul is still working with the Sheriff Department to see how we get the money from fines. Paul reported that all dirt roads in Brattleboro are post 25 MPH. The Board received an email from Jody Normandeau. She is concerned with speeding. Todd replied to her.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Alex, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Approved

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Todd Davidson, Chair

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Alex Wilson, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk