

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2024

This meeting was called to order by Todd Davidson, Chair, at 6:09 pm at the Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont & on Zoom.

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

Members present on Zoom: Paul Adler

Members absent: none

Also present: Meg Staloff (BDCC/SeVEDS), Paul Chapman, Julieanne Eagan, Christine Geopp, Carol Wood, Randy Hickin, Emma Laflam-BCTV.

Also Present on Zoom: none

Minutes:

On a motion by Alex and second from Tom the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from September 4, 2024.

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 with Alex abstaining to approve the minutes from September 11, 2024 budget work session.

Warrants:

On a motion by Maria and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 6 & 6P & Conservation Commission #2.

New Business: (moved up on the agenda)

The Board spoke with Dummerston School Principal, Julieanne Eagan regarding the Miller Fund. There is a substantial balance in the fund. Todd suggested a broader use of the funds. The Selectboard can change the guidelines. The School will work on revisions to the guidelines and present them to the Board for consideration.

The Board discussed the Covered Bridge step maintenance agreement with Christine Geopp, Conservation Commission Chair. Tom had concerns regarding the use of Round-up to control knotweed. The Conservation Commission is still looking into the best methods to eradicate knotweed. They are not opposed to the use of chemicals.

ARPA Funding:

Paul Chapman, Randy Hickin and Carol Wood, with the Community Center talked with the Board regarding reallocating unused ARPA funds previously allocated. There is about \$4,600.00 unused. They would like to replace the carpet in the main room with possibly wood flooring.

On a motion by Todd and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to reallocate the unused \$4,600.00 to the Community Center for the main room flooring.

Randy asked the Board to review the legal language used on the Community Center Rental Agreement. The consensus was the language was fine.

Public Comments:

Meg Staloff from BDCC/SeVEDS gave the Board an overview of what they do and projects SeVEDS is working on. They are looking for budget funding of \$3.00 per person, for a total of \$5,595.00.

Road Foreman's Report:

The decking has been laid on the Park Laughton Road structure.

The Board received an email regarding the Camp Arden Road ditching project. Lee has spoken with MaryEllen Copeland and the matter is resolved.

Correspondence for Information:

Todd will go to the Rescue, Inc. meeting.

Paul stated that the Sheriff's report format has been changed back to how it looked last year.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

Covered Bridge step maintenance agreement – discussed earlier, will be added to next week's agenda for approval and signatures.

Email regarding open meeting law requirements. Todd will create a checklist for all Boards, Commissions, and Committees with the new open meeting law requirements which took effect on July 1st.

New Business:

Salmon Brook Erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program: RFP still pending. No bids were received. Todd will go back to the State.

On a motion by Todd and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Patty Walior to the Development Review Board. Maria will email Patty.

On a motion by Todd and second from Tom the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Will Alderfer, Jedediah Popp, Olivia Sandreter, Jacob Quinney, Johanna Lengfeller, Adam Palmiter, and Ashley Palmiter to the Recreation Board. Maria will email Maeve and let her contact all of the individuals.

The Drug & Alcohol Policy update is still pending. Todd will rewrite the paragraph on page 9 and follow up with VLCT regarding liability.

Miller Fund (moved up on the agenda)

Tom left the meeting

(Added to the agenda:)

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 7:14 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Todd the Board voted 4-0 to approve the liquor catering request from Hardy Foard Catering, LLP for an event at the Child's residence on Black Mountain Road on October 5th, 3pm to 11pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Unfinished Business: none

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Todd, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Alex Wilson, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk