

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 2024

This meeting was called to order by Todd Davidson, Chair, at 6:01 pm at the Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont & on Zoom.

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

Members present on Zoom: Tom Nolan

Members absent: none

Also present: Paul & Jody Normandeau, Deborah Stanford, Jean Newell, Paul Chapman, Dave Schottland, Julie Johnson-McGrath, Lyle Holiday, Linda Burns, Carol Wood, Phyllis Emery, Jeanne Bristol, Peter Kelleher-BCTV.

Also Present on Zoom: Susan Daigler

Minutes:

On a motion by Paul and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 with Alex abstaining to approve the minutes from October 16, 2024.

On a motion by Alex and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from October 23, 2024 budget work session.

Warrants:

On a motion by Paul and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants 9 & 9P.

Paul Normandeau was concerned about the tractor with a boom mower which was rented. He feels it is leaving a mess by slashing trees to high and possibly extending beyond the Town's right of way. Todd will contact Lee and find out what the plan and procedure is.

On a motion by Maria and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of warrants Conservation Commission #5 & Capital Fund #2 (added to agenda). The Capital fund payment was for the overpayment from the sale of the Kubota Tractor.

ARPA Funding:

Warrant 9 includes payment for ARPA expenditures.

Todd will ask Laurie to send an email to Town committees, letting them know there are still funds available for allocation prior to the end of the year.

Public Comments:

Paul Normandeau suggested the Board look into a contract price for diesel fuel purchases. Paul Adler will look into this.

Lydia Taft Pratt Library discussed their budget request with the Board. Lyle gave the Board an overview and future goals. Linda spoke regarding numbers and statistics. The library would like to expand into another room at the Community Center and offer children's programs. Maria stated that the Town employees proposed wage increase is 2.5%. Linda will change the request

to reflect 2.5% not 3%. Jody Normandeau asked how many families are from town and how many out of town and why there are no fees for out of town members. Paul Normandeau questioned if there was any duplication with the school. Paul Chapman with the Community Center stated no lease has been signed regarding another room and that the current rooms rent is \$6,300 not \$6,600. The Library will update their budget request and continue to work with the Community Center.

Road Foreman's Report:

The Park Laughton Road structure is complete and the road is open.

Correspondence for Information: No discussion

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action: None

New Business:

Salmon Brook Erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program: No RFP engineering bids were received. The State looked at the Jim Boyd Road site on 10/3. The State will do the design for engineering and then the Town can put out an RFP for the site work.

The Board discussed the holiday meeting schedule:

Wednesday, 11/27 Thanksgiving Eve. The consensus was to keep this as scheduled

Wednesday, 12/25 Christmas day. The Board talked about rescheduling to 12/24 or at the previous meeting authorizing the Chair to pay the warrants.

The Board discussed the current and proposed Miller Fund guidelines. Todd will take the documents and rewrite for the Board to review.

On a motion by Todd and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to authorize Laurie to complete the PACIF renewal forms.

Unfinished Business:

Recreation Board volunteer vetting - tabled

Paul reported that he is receiving complaints about speeding around Town. He contacted the Sheriff's Department to see about possible solutions and has not heard back. – tabled
It was suggested that ideas could be a discussion at a future meeting.

Todd will create a checklist for Town committees regarding open meeting law posting requirements.

The Fire Department has been invited to next week's budget meeting.

The Board received an email regarding campers at the boat landing at the north end of town. Maria stated that the property is owned by the State of VT Fish & Game. Todd will contact them.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Alex, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Alex Wilson, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk