

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 27, 2024

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

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

Members present on Zoom: none

Members absent: Alex Wilson

Also present: Carol Wood, Paul Chapman, Paul & Jody Normandeau, Lee Chamberlin, Linda Burns, Dena Marger, Brian Guerino -BCTV.

Also Present on Zoom: Eva Nolan & Fox Nolan (briefly, during the meeting)

Minutes:

On a motion by Paul and second from Tom the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from November 13, 2024 & November 20, 2024 budget work session.

Warrants:

On a motion by Maria and second from Paul the Board voted 4-0 to ratify approval for the payment of warrants 11, 11P, Conservation Commission #6, Recreation Board Fund #2 & (added to the agenda): Cemetery Fund #1 & 11R.

ARPA Funding:

Laurie sent out an email to Town committees that any ARPA requests were due by 12/11. The Board will discuss and authorize final available funds on the 11th.

The Community Center request was tabled until the 12/11.

Public Comments:

Paul Normandeau expressed his concern regarding brush cutting on Nourse Hollow Road and material put down. He wanted to know how much was spent, considering the road is not used frequently. Lee stated it is a class 3 road and must be maintained. The Board and Lee will discuss.

Road Foreman's Report:

On a motion by Maria and second from Todd the Board voted 4-0 to approve the curb cut at 913 East West Road. Lee was okay with the curb cut.

The Board, Lee and the Normandeau's discussed drainage on Tucker Reed Road. Lee feels that residents do not have the right to block drainage. Paul Normandeau felt the drainage extended beyond the Town's right of way. Lee stated the drainage was there for more than 15 years and the Town should be able to maintain it. Lee went on to state that every culvert and cut outs run onto private property. The Board will visit the site on their own. Paul Normandeau is happy to meet members on site to discuss. This will be on the 12/11 agenda.

New Business: (Eva Nolan and Fox Nolan on Zoom)

Fox suggested that the Board start a food shelf for needy residents. This will be on the next agenda.

Correspondence for Information:

The State Police and Fish & Game are aware of the camping at the boat landing.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

The Auditors have requested the Boards report for Town Report. Todd will start it and then send around to the Board for more input. It is due 12/20.

On a motion by Tom and second from Todd the Board voted 4-0 to accept Charlotte Neer-Annis's resignation as Delinquent Tax Collector effective 1/10/2025. The Board thanks her for taking this role on.

New Business:

Salmon Brook Erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program: The State has done the design for engineering, it is still going through the state process. Once the Town receives the design, an RFP can be put out for the site work. Most likely, the work will not be done until the spring of 2025. Todd will draft a request for an extension.

The Board discussed the revised Miller Fund guidelines.

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 4-0 to approve and sign the updated Miller Fund guidelines.

Lydia Taft Pratt Library grant application:

The Board discussed the grant application. Not all Board members received paperwork prior to the meeting. The Librarian stated the Board may not need to sign the application and that this was a VT Early Childhood Fund/Federal Grant. Also, that prior grant applications were signed by her. Maria asked why they were applying for the grant and also including an increase to their budget request for grant expenditures.

Todd made a motion to allow the Librarian to sign the grant application. Motion received no second. The Board will discuss at the budget meeting next week.

On a motion by Maria and second from Todd the Board voted 4-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 7:00 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Paul the Board voted 4-0 to approve the special event permit for Scott Farm on 12/11/2024.

On a motion by Maria and second from Todd the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Unfinished Business:

Recreation Board volunteer vetting - tabled

Paul has been discussing with the Sheriff's Department options regarding speeding in Town, including adding patrol hours.

Todd handed out meeting guidelines and open meeting law posting/procedural requirements for the Board to review.

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting guidelines and posting/procedural requirements.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Todd, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Alex Wilson, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk