

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 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, Alex Wilson

Members present on Zoom: Paul Adler, Tom Nolan

Members absent: none

Also present: Lyle Holiday, Phyllis Emery, Jeanne Bristol, Linda Burns, Carol Wood, Randy Hickin, Cindy Hickin, Lester Dunklee, Gail Sorenson, Paul Normandeau, Julie Johnson-McGrath, Melody Stone, Stacy Bright, Stacy Kript, Emma LaFlam -BCTV.

Also Present on Zoom: Gretchen Heath, Jessica Nelson, Sam Bledsoe, Nicole Price, Dena Marger, Jean & Harold Newell, Christy Jackson, Jarod Clark, Ashley Perkins

Minutes:

On a motion by Paul and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from December 4, 2024 budget work session.

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 with Alex abstaining to approve the minutes from November 27, 2024.

Warrants:

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of warrants 12 & 12P.

ARPA Funding:

The Board will discuss and authorize the remaining balance at the meeting on December 18th. There are requests from the Community Center, Lee Chamberlin-Road Foreman & Paul Adler.

Public Comments:

Gail Sorenson announced that the Historical Society was selling t-shirts, hats, and 2025 calendars to raise funds. These items are available at the Town Office or contact any member of the Historical Society.

The Board received many emails supporting the expansion of the Library. Alex presented a proposal for the Dummerston Community Center and Library to consider. The proposal is to split the open room in half. The Library would rent half and the Community Center would set up a small meeting/coffee spot in the other half. The proposed new rent from the Library would be \$900.00 per month. There was a lively discussion. The Community Center Board and the Library Trustees will meet to discuss. The Library will submit and updated budget request prior to next weeks meeting.

Road Foreman's Report:

Drainage on Tucker Reed Road - Tabled.

Most Board members have not had a chance to look at it.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign the standard grant agreement

On a motion by Alex and second from Tom the Board voted 5-0 to approve the curb cut on Beaver Pond Road and at #441 Miller Road. Lee was okay with both curb cuts.

Correspondence for Information: No discussion

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action: None

New Business:

Paul Normandeau asked if the Board had done any further research regarding bulk pricing for diesel fuel. Paul Adler has contacted several companies and they are not willing to set a fix price contract, as the Town does not purchase enough gallons. Paul N. suggested contacting Discount Oil in Keene, NH. Paul Adler will send Lee an email to suggest changing to Discount Oil.

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 sent a request for an extension and it is still pending.

The Board received a suggestion to start a food shelf in Town. This will be forwarded onto Dummerston Cares.

The Christmas week regular meeting will be on Monday, December 23rd.

The following week's budget work session meeting will be on Monday, December 30th.

The health insurance renewal form for 2025 was not in the folders. Tabled until 12/18.

Unfinished Business:

Recreation Board volunteer vetting - tabled

Paul has been discussing with the Sheriff's Department options regarding speeding in Town. The Sheriff's Department will do more enforcement and lower the threshold of miles per hour over the posted speed limit. Gail Sorenson suggested the Board stress speeding concerns in the next Views article.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Alex, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Alex Wilson, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk