

## UNAPPROVED

### SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2021

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 7:00 pm via Zoom online conferencing in Dummerston, Vermont.

**Members present:** Zeke Goodband, Maria Glabach, Terry Chapman, Rebecca Lotka

**Members absent:** David Baxendale

**Also present:** Charlotte Annis, Lee Chamberlin, Paul Normandeau, Rich Melanson - BCTV

#### **Minutes:**

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2021.

#### **Warrants:**

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of warrants 25, 25P, & Ratify 25A.

#### **Public Comments:**

Paul Normandeau wanted to clarify that in the minutes of May 19<sup>th</sup>, that he was hoping the State would have a best way to remove the knotweed on Tucker Reed Road.

#### **Road Foreman's Report:**

Lee spoke with Marc Pickering with VTrans regarding the knot weed on Tucker Reed Road. The State is not allowed to spray unless it is hazardous to the crew. Marc did not think there was much the Town could do and also did not think grading the road would spread it far. Zeke has not heard back from the Agency of Natural Resources. Rebecca spoke with Christine Geopp, Conservation Commission Chair, she felt standard removal procedure was either manually or spray with chemicals. Highway Crew should be able to identify it. Lee and the Crew have discussed. The Board will wait to hear from Agency of Natural Resources.

A suggestion came from the Sheriff's Department, that enforcement of the four way stops in the Center would be easier if white stop bars were painted on the pavement. Lee said there is a shortage of white paint and that there is a cost and continually maintenance as the paint will wear off. This was tabled with no decision made.

The Conservation Commission gave Lee & Crew maps of Ecologically Sensitive Areas and vernal pools along the roads in Town. Lee thought they did a great job. These maps should be posted to the Town Website.

The Conservation Commission would like the Board to consider options for the Covered Bridge steps. Last year the steps had eroded, creating a walking hazard. At the time the Board decided to cover the steps with compacted gravel, leaving the steps in place to help control erosion. Warning signage was also placed. The Conservation Commission is concerned that some of the

gravel is eroding. Lee will look at the path again. Zeke will let the Commission know the Board will continue to work on options.

Lee reported the new hire is working out and he will be getting his CDL license. They have been using the Better Back Roads Grant to complete stone lined ditches along Kathana Meadow, Waterman, Canoe Brook and Greenhoe Roads. Also, working on grading and culverts. Ditching along Stickney Brook Road will also be done. The paving on East-West Road from the Center to Schoolhouse Road should be done by July 1<sup>st</sup> and will be paid in this budget. The end of year budget looks good, Lee is anticipating about a \$30,000.00 surplus.

Paul Normandeau asked about the silt building up in the ditches along Tucker Reed Road and how are they maintained. Lee said ideally the ditch is deep enough, but that over time they may need to be dug out, screened, and stones put back in. Lee felt most spots were working really well, but maintenance will require time.

**Correspondence for Information:** No discussion

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

Terry will complete the EMD Survey.

**New Business:**

Charlotte reported that no ARPA funds have been received yet. She will be attending a webinar next week and may have an update after that. What is being recommended is that the Town go slow and have a plan. Funds should be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026. Funding will come through in two payments. There is no audit required as it is under the federal requirement for amount received. The Town is estimated to receive over \$100,000.00. Charlotte would like the Board to consider having an audit every three years. At this time we have only one active elected Town Auditor.

Computers have been ordered, including one to replace Lee's. Estimated delivery is unknown.

Paul Normandeau would like to see the Board authorize the new Selectboard Assistant to put the meeting announcement in the Reformer.

The State is close to 80% vaccinated, maybe by Friday. At that point restrictions will be removed. The consensus of the Board is that the next meeting on 6/16 will be held at the Community Center in person. Rich Melanson will let BCTV know of the Board's intent to return to in person meetings.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 4-0 to reopen the Town Office to the public effective 6/3, still requiring an appointment to use the vault. Zeke will let Laurie know.

There were two route proposals suggested for the Gather Place run event to be held at Kampfires Kampground this fall; Route 5 or through the Town Gravel Pit. It was also asked if the Town would pay for the Sheriff's fees for traffic control. Terry spoke with Karen, Town Manager in Putney as the gravel pit is owned by both towns. Karen talked with PACIF insurance and at a minimum each participate would need to sign a hold-harm wavier and Gathering Place would need to provide a certificate of insurance naming both towns. The Board felt this was too much liability for the Town to consider allowing access through the gravel pit and did not want to set a precedent.

On a motion by Zeke and second from Terry the Board voted 4-0 to not open the gravel pit and not authorize paying for Sheriff's coverage of the Gathering Place run event at Kampfires Kampground. Terry will contact Sheriff Department and Town of Putney.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 4-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 7:55 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 3-0 with Zeke abstaining to approve the liquor catering request from Windham Wines for events in August and September at Scott Farm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:56 pm.

Reappraisal update: Grand List will be completed by Friday and the book will be mailed out at the end of the week.

**Unfinished Business:** None

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Terry, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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Approved

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Zeke Goodband, Chair

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Terry Chapman, Vice Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk