

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 10, 2022, 5:00 p.m., Orange Town Hall

Present:

Selectboard Members Emily Ruff, Samantha Lefebvre, and Eric Holmgren

Visitors:

Angela Eastman-Town Clerk, John Barnes-Road Foreman, Lee Youngman-Treasurer, Kevin Wilson-Resident, Shelia Stone-Resident, Tim Stone-Resident, Michele Boyer-Resident.

At 5:04 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Emily Ruff

Changes or additions to the agenda:

None

Minutes:

The Board approved the following minutes:

The selectboard minutes dated 12/13/2021 were reviewed. Ms. Ruff moved and Mr. Holmgren seconded to approve the Selectboard Minutes. The motion passed 3-0.

The selectboard minutes dated 12/20/2021 were reviewed. Ms. Ruff moved and Mr. Holmgren seconded to approve the Selectboard Minutes with the revisions made. The motion passed 3-0.

The selectboard minutes dated 01/04/2022 were reviewed. Ms. Ruff moved and Mr. Holmgren seconded to approve the Selectboard Minutes. The motion passed 3-0.

The selectboard minutes dated 01/05/2022 were reviewed. Ms. Ruff moved and Mrs. Lefebvre seconded to approve the Selectboard Minutes. The motion passed 3-0.

The selectboard minutes dated 01/06/2022 were reviewed and Ms. Ruff moved and Mrs. Lefebvre seconded to approve the Selectboard Minutes. The motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment: Mr. Wilson addressed the Selectboard stating that he would like to file a formal complaint against the Selectboard. He complaint reads as follows: "I am filing a formal complaint that I wasn't given public documents when I asked for them." Ms. Ruff acknowledge his formal complaint.

Town Treasurers Report:

AP and Payroll Warrants

On a motion made by Mr. Holmgren the payroll warrant was approved as presented. This was seconded by Mrs. Lefebvre. All in favor.

On a motion made by Ms. Ruff the accounts payable warrant was approved as presented. This was seconded by Mr. Holmgren. All in favor.

Review Current Budget

Ms. Youngman reviewed the current budget with the Selectboard.

Review Journal Entries for December

Ms. Youngman reviewed the journal entries for December with the Selectboard. On a motion made by Ms. Ruff the journal entries for December were approved as presented. This was seconded by Mr. Holmgren. All in favor.

Town Clerk Report:

Ms. Eastman discussed that there have not been any complaints since the last time the Selectboard met. She also

discussed that she had been awarded the outdoor water fountain grant through Green Up VT and the State of Vermont with no town match. Ms. Eastman announced that we have been awarded an internship with UVM and the student will start this semester. Ms. Eastman announced the next potluck being held on January 21, 2022 at the Town Hall from 6pm-8pm.

Town Garage Report:

Road Foreman Mr. Barnes reported that there have been a couple of nuisance storms over the past two weeks that have required plowing, sanding and salting. Nothing else to report.

Old Business:

IT business:

Mr. McNeil presented to the board with the cybersecurity status as it stands now. He discussed the upcoming steps that need to be taken to become compliant with the insurance company and to make the town offices compliant.

Clement Rd review:

Lister, Mr. McNeil, discussed if the town decided to take the road back from a listers standpoint of how much income it would bring in to the town through taxes. The amount that would be brought in would be around \$858 per year in revenue.

Personnel Policy review:

The Selectboard reviewed the policy with the proposed changes and a final review will take place and a vote will be taken at the February Selectboard meeting.

Review job descriptions:

The Selectboard reviewed the job descriptions with the proposed changes and a final review will take place and a vote will be taken at the February Selectboard meeting.

Review Sole Source Appendix A & B:

On a motion made by Ms. Ruff the Appendix A and B were approved for any amount with no approval as long as it is not over the budgeted amount. This was seconded by Mrs. Lefebvre. All in favor. The Selectboard will revisit the professional services list and document the rationale of why they have been chosen at a later date.

Discuss crushing bid:

The Selectboard reviewed the crushing bids provided and, on a motion, made by Ms. Ruff the crushing bid from Chief Crushing was approved. This was seconded by Mrs. Lefebvre. All in favor. Mr. Barnes will advise Chief Crushing the project can move along as proposed.

Sign Purchasing Policy approved 12/10/2021:

The Purchasing Policy was signed by all Selectboard members.

New Business:

Discuss/vote to change the February Selectboard meeting date:

Changing of the Selectboard meeting was discussed to change from the 14th to the 15th of February. On a motion, made by Ms. Ruff the date was changed to February 15th at 5:00pm was approved. This was seconded by Mrs. Lefebvre.

Audit status:

This was discussed by Ms. Youngman and she stated that Sullivan and Powers is not interested in finishing the 2020 audit Ms. Youngman will write a statement to go into the Town Report to reflect that is not done. Sullivan and Powers will be completing the 2021 audit. On a motion, made by Ms. Ruff the decision to not continue the 2020 audit but to proceed with the 2021 audit was approved. This was seconded by Mr. Holmgren. All in favor.

Discuss ADA grant:

This was discussed by Ms. Eastman and the Selectboard and Ms. Eastman will distribute the report form Disability Vermont and will further discuss it at the February 15, 2022 meeting.

Discuss use of Rec Field by the Barre Community T-Ball:

Ms. Eastman discussed the use of the recreation field for Barre Community T-Ball. On a motion, made by Ms. Ruff the decision to allow Barre Community T-Ball to use the recreation field for the upcoming T-Ball season was approved. This was seconded by Mr. Holmgren. All in favor.

Discuss meeting sign in and public participation:

This was discussed amongst the Selectboard members.

Discussed animal control:

This was discussed amongst the Selectboard members and will be discussed further at a later meeting.

Discussed town meeting warning appropriations:

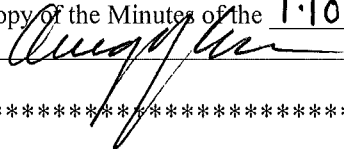
This was discussed by Ms. Eastman was asked for an exception for Good Samaritan as they did not receive signatures. On a motion made by Ms. Ruff, an exception was granted as Good Samaritan had previously asked for signatures before and the requested amount is the same. This was seconded by Mrs. Lefebvre.

Other Business:

The budget discussion was tabled until January 12, 2022 Special Selectboard Meeting.

On a motion, made by Ms. Ruff the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm. This was seconded by Mr. Holmgren. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Eastman, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the 1.10.22 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, , Town Clerk
