

UNAPPROVED  
SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
AUGUST 21, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lourie, Deborah Baker, Philip E. Mazzucco, Thomas Wilson and Linda Montague.  
OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, John Markle, Ed Clark, Donald S. Lewis and Jed Rubin.

Meeting called to order at 6:44 p.m.

Review of July minutes. Motion by Tom, seconded by Debbie to approve the minutes with minor corrections as noted. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Received an email invitation to attend this year's Southern Vermont Economic Development Summit, entitled "Make it Happen", to be held at Castleton University on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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| Cash on Hand  | July 1, 2018  | \$185,398.87 |
| Receivables   |               | 54,485.80    |
| Disbursements |               | 59,519.12    |
| Cash on Hand  | July 31, 2018 | \$180,365.55 |
2. After reviewing the financial reports, it was the consensus of the Board to not renew the Cemetery CD, but instead turn the money over to the Cemetery Association for cemetery maintenance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Ed Clark from NBF Architects provided the Board with copies of his Town Office Feasibility Study, going over the goals for improving the Town Office with a new records vault, weatherization of the building to include new gable end windows, aesthetic work to the interior and accessibility upgrades including renovations to the bathroom. The report also contained a conceptual cost estimate for the project.
2. Mark got a call about tree limbs that needed to be cut on Sykes Hollow Road. The Highway Crew inspected the area.
3. Complaints were made to Debbie about the poor condition of the sidewalk in Rupert Village and Crab Apple trees alongside it, both of which create a hazard for pedestrians.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: Been mowing roadsides. White truck is down while waiting for a part to get installed. Water runoff from Michael Mayer's illegal driveway is damaging Rogers Road, and he needs to relocate the driveway. Slate work being done on Dole and Perkins Roads. Met with the State concerning Kent Hollow Road, with work on it scheduled to begin in September. We will share some rented equipment with Pawlet at that time.
2. Two paving bids were opened and considered: Pike Industries at \$318,981.50 and Peckham Industries at \$265,462.00. Motion by Linda, seconded by Phil to accept the bid by Peckham Industries for \$265,462.00 to pave the following: Route 315, aprons for Herrick Brook, Sykes Hollow and Derby Hill Roads, and the Highway Garage and Library/Historical Society's driveways. Motion carried.
3. Board reviewed the terms of the truck loan through Baystone Government Finance and KS State Bank. Motion by Debbie, seconded by Tom to authorize Mark and Andrea to sign the loan papers to borrow \$135,000.00 over four years at 3.892%, making annual payments of \$37,129.24 for four years. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. John Markle talked of his planned changes at Sherman's Store. Already approved as a licensed restaurant, he would like to have the Selectboard's permission to serve beer and wine with meals out on the back deck/picnic table area and middle room of the building, which is segregated from the main portion of the store. The Board will make a decision at the next meeting.
2. Jed Rubin reported that the Town website is not ready, and would the Board choose a domain name? It was the consensus of the Board to have [www.rupert.vt.gov](http://www.rupert.vt.gov) as the official domain name for its website.

3. Orders were signed by the Board.
4. Brief discussion about amending the Zoning By-laws to allow for the construction of larger outbuildings for residential properties.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Phil to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Montague  
Selectboard Clerk