

UNAPPROVED
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Wilson, Mark Lourie, Linda Montague, Philip E. Mazzucco and Deborah Baker.
OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, David Nichols, Carlo DeRege, Jed Rubin, Robert DiCrosta, Susan Nichols, Philip Chapman, Jane Davies, John LaVecchia, Richard Ventrella, Kimberley Davis, Dan Nardi and Donald Lewis.

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m.

November minutes were reviewed and motion by Tom, seconded by Debbie to approve the minutes with minor corrections as noted. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1.	Cash on Hand	11/01/2018	\$595,255.22
	Receivables		122,090.03
	Disbursements		315,137.31
	Cash on Hand	11/30/2018	\$402,107.94

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notices have been posted since December 3rd to advertise the open Planning Commission vacant seats.
2. Victor Veve from Green Lantern has asked if he can place solar panels at the old Town dump site. He will speak to the Board at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: Stormy winter weather in November. CBC from Rutland will honor the competitor's price for new radios needed by the Highway Crew. Dead trees in the right-of-way need to be taken down.
2. The Treasurer is now using online banking with Berkshire Bank. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Town start using remote depositing with Berkshire Bank and have Andrea trained to use the system.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of Rupert Village Trust's quest to secure a site to place their future septic system, which would handle the higher volume of waste water generated from the proposed cafe' at Sheldon's Store. Jane Davies said the closing date for the store is February 8th and presented the Board with a septic design plan located on the un-conserved portion of Town land directly behind the store and the Krauss residence. The Board still wants to meet with the Vermont Land Trust as to whether the septic could be located on the conserved acreage of the Town Green instead. To ensure that the Board makes the best decision for the Town, there was a motion by Tom, seconded by Debbie to work with the Rupert Village Trust on a plan for locating a septic for the Sheldon Store project, but with no guaranteed results. Motion carried.
2. The Town of Rupert website should be ready for use by the end of the year, Jane said.
3. Lister Jed Rubin mentioned that the Listers must have a new computer in order to use the new software. Val Almosnino is getting quotes on computers. Also they need the latest edition of Marshall and Swift cost estimating manuals. Both of these items can be purchased with the Town's reappraisal funds.

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jed passed on the news about the Bennington County Regional Commission's energy plan which would give the Rupert Planning Commission leverage if someone wanted to put in a large array of solar panels. BCRC's input will be free of charge to the Town. The Town needs to be protected, as the Vermont Public Service Board can overrule us and allow the installation of solar panels no matter how many or how unsightly they are.
2. Since the next regular meeting falls on Christmas, it was the consensus of the Board to have a special meeting in late December if needed.
3. Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Phil to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Select Board Clerk