

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Wilson, Deborah Baker, Charles Rockwell, Philip E. Mazzucco and Linda Montague.
OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Robert and Lucille Swinarton, Donald S. Lewis, Michael McKeighan, William Meyer, Arlene Bentley, Brett Lourie, Casey Czahor and Jay "Skip" Wilson.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

After review of the May minutes, there was a motion by Debbie, seconded by Linda to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Under Act 46 legislation passed in 2017, new and more complicated rules are in place for obtaining certified copies of death and birth certificates. Now, a request form has to be filled out and I.D., such as a driver's license has to be shown before a person can be issued a certified copy of a vital record. After this information has electronically been sent to the State, then they will send out the certified copy to the individual who asked for it.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash on Hand	05/01/2019	\$590,886.74
Receivables		91,554.02
Disbursements		237,879.63
Cash on Hand	05/31/2019	\$444,561.13

The Board looked over the Accounts Payable, Budget Status Report, Payroll and General Financial Statement.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The Bennington County Conservation District is offering a Municipal Roads Grant-in-Aid of \$12,700, with the Town to match this amount with 20%. It was the consensus of the Board to participate in the grant program and sign the authorization form.
2. Letter of response from Mr. and Mrs. Aldanondo concerning the large decaying maple tree on their property near Route 153. They indicated that they wish to only have the tree trimmed fifteen to twenty feet of its height instead of taking the whole tree down. It was the consensus of the Board to have Linda write to them again and request a second time for the Town to cut down the tree at municipal expense, as it's deteriorated condition is a potential danger to the public.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: (Given by Skip Wilson). The paving has been completed. Other than route 315, paved aprons were laid down at Herrick Brook and Sykes Hollow Roads. Some roadside mowing has been done. The Road Crew will be working with Pawlet's Crew on slate work in each of the Towns for the next few weeks. In July, Peckham Industries will be chip sealing the remainder of Pawlet Mountain Road to the Town line. Hydro-seeding will be done tomorrow through a grant program which was offered to the Town.
2. The Board discussed the new \$5449.68 Vermont State Police contract at about six hours per week for the next year. Motion by Charlie seconded by Debbie to approve the contract. Motion carried.
3. Cemetery Commissioner Mike McKeighan said that with the exception of the Rupert Street Cemetery, the Town is financially responsible for the maintenance and caretaking of the cemeteries, under the direction of the Commissioners. Cemetery Trustee Don Lewis sought the Board's permission for two cremation burials in Kent Hollow Cemetery. He has an area in mind where the burials should not interfere with other grave sites. Consensus of the Board to allow the two burials.
5. With Grievance Days done, the deadline for appealing the new re-appraised property values to the Board of Civil Authority is June 21st.
6. Since there are more than two Selectboard members on the Town Office Restoration Committee, in order to comply with the Open Meeting Law, the Committee's meetings have to be warned.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Working with Former Selectboard Chairman Mark Lourie, Pawlet Mountain Road resident Casey Czahor presented the Board with a grant she wrote to provide funding to build a Kiosk for the Town Green. The Town's portion will be \$780.00 towards the project. The Federal awarding agency will be the National Park Service through NEIWPC, based in Lowell, MA. **Rupert, Vermont: Creating a Connection Within Our Community** will be the project's title and its total cost will not exceed \$4,000.00. It was the consensus of the Board to approve entering into the grant agreement after Linda has reviewed the document and given her approval, no later than Thursday morning.
2. The Board signed the annual Certificate of Mileage. It will be sent back to the Vermont Department of Transportation.
3. Orders were signed by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. The debris at the former Grange building is being burned tonight by the Fire Company.

Motion by Charlie, seconded by Debbie to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk and Co-Chairman