

UNAPPROVED  
SELECT BOARD MINUTES  
AUGUST 13, 2019

Members present: Charles Rockwell, Linda Montague, Thomas Wilson and Philip E. Mazzucco.

Others present: Andrea Lenhardt, Donald Lewis, Kelli Raymond, John LaVecchia, Jay "Skip" Wilson & Christopher Porter.

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Motion by Charlie, seconded by Phil to approve the July minutes with one minor correction as noted. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. The Board of Civil Authority will meet at on August 19th at 6:30 p.m. to hear the report of the Inspection Committee for property owned by Bob and Lucille Swinarton, who are appealing their assessment.
2. The dues for Bennington County Regional Commission going up to \$4,000.00. BCRC wants to know who will be on the Solid Waste Alliance Committee from Rupert. Mark Lourie said he is willing to continue being a Committee member.
3. Another inquiry from Susana Aldanondo regarding when the Town will cut down her dead tree.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1.

Cash on hand July 1st	\$394,536.31
Receivables	52,128.89
Disbursements	330,196.57
Cash on hand July 31st	\$116,468.63
2. The Board examined the accounts payable, general financial statement, payroll and budget status report.
3. Andrea said she will make a separate order for the truck payment of \$37,000.00 and will have Linda sign it tomorrow.
4. Tom reported that he asked Representative Robin Chestnut-Tangerman why our school tax rate went from \$1.14 to \$1.41. Mr. Chestnut-Tangerman could not answer the question and referred Tom to another person who could.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Written dog complaint about a July 15th incident on East Street of a small dog being attacked and injured. The letter was turned over to First Constable Kelli Raymond for enforcement of the Dog Ordinance. Kelli has already talked to the dogs' owners and the larger dog will be returned to the Rescue Shelter in Massachusetts when there is a vacancy. Also, Kelli reminded people that they must clean up their dog's droppings when walking their animals on the roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway report given by Road Commissioner Skip Wilson: Lately been drawing slate to Kent Hollow and Hebron Roads. Crew has been helping Pawlet do slate work on Herrick Brook Road. Pawlet will draw some winter sand for us and they donated about \$2,000.00 worth of chloride, to equalize the extra time Rupert has given them for their projects. Appaloosa Inc. quoted \$70.00 per yard for salt, and Phil got a price for 2,000.00 of sand, the same as last year.
2. Cemetery Commissioner Don Lewis said he is quite sure that the Church owns about an acre of burials in the Rupert Street Cemetery and if true, the matter should be cleared up by the Church deeding over that section to the Cemetery.
3. John LaVecchia and Charlie showed the Board two plans for subdividing the non-conserved land from the Town Green parcel, in order to sell two acres to Rupert Village Trust. The future septic system location and the retained half acre for the Town's storage building were depicted too. One of the plans will be selected at the next meeting. The Town Green Committee will meet tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m.
4. The Town Office Renovation Committee has yet to meet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Jed Rubin asking for his Lister pay. Andrea needs an invoice from Lister Chairman Val Almosnino requesting the funds.
2. It was the consensus of the Board to pay the Bennington County Regional Commission dues which are now \$4,000.00.
3. Orders were signed by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Chris Porter stopped by to notify the Board that he will be returning their Great Pyrenees to the Rescue Shelter as soon as they will accept her. Board members thanked him for making the decision to remove the dog from Town.

Motion by Linda, seconded by Charlie to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Montague  
Select Board Clerk and Co-Chairman