

UNAPPROVED
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2019

Members present: Philip E. Mazzucco, Deborah Baker, Charles Rockwell, Linda Montague and Thomas Wilson.
Others present: Andrea Lenhardt, Donald S. Lewis, Michael McKeighan, Arlene Bentley, William Meyer, Brett Lourie, Richard Ventrella, John LaVecchia and Jean Ceglowski.

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. The deadline for ordering the foldable voting booths is Friday. It was the consensus of the Board to get two sets, which will accommodate eight voters at a time. The booths are provided by the State of Vermont.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. \$37,000.00 was electronically drawn by KS Bank for the new truck payment. In the orders there is a payment to Peckham Industries for the chip seal job on Pawlet Mountain Road.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mariano Aldanondo asked Linda when their tree will be cut. Tom said next week, and Linda will notify them.
2. Rich Ventrella expressed concern that the Great Pyrenees which attacked his Chihuahua is still here in West Rupert Village and mentioned that Chris and Sarah Porter have not reimbursed him for his dog's medical expenses after the First Constable gave them the veterinary bill. Andrea said the Great Pyrenees is not licensed and the Town does not have a copy of its rabies vaccination certificate. Linda will write to the Porters about these issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: Discussion, and then motion by Debbie, seconded by Charlie to have white lines painted on Route 315 at a cost of \$8,400.00. Motion carried. The new black top at the Town Garage and Library needs to be sealed. Board looked at quotes from Smith's Super Sealer. Tom will call them to get more information before making a decision. Debbie and Andrea said the crack and hole in the pavement on Route 153, just below the Casey home is getting worse. Tom said heavy truck traffic may have caused the clay pipe tunnel under the road to break, and that VTrans has a lighted robot they can send through the tunnel to find any problems. Someday the pipe will have to be removed.
2. Cemetery News: Commissioners Mike, Debbie and Don updated the Select Board with news that the Sheldon Memorial Cemetery has had the brush cleaned up on and around the tomb, and there is a pile of clean wood chips near the gate for the public to take from. Debbie and Don reviewed the Carver section of the Rupert Street Cemetery, using Howard Mudgett's detailed sketch of the section as a reference.
3. Town Green: To determine where the property lines will be for subdividing the Town Green parcel, Charlie and John presented the Board with Plan 5, it being a variation of Plan B, which they had recommended to be adopted as a prototype for the surveyor to base his map on. Motion by Linda, seconded by Debbie to accept Plan 5 of the partial site plan sketch in order to convey approximately two acres to Rupert Village Trust. Motion carried.
4. Town Office Restoration: Andrea found out that Vermont Historic Trust is offering a \$20,000.00 matching grant that covers windows, foundations and other items. She printed off the form, which asks for estimated costs for each project. Tom said the feasibility study can be consulted for the dollar amounts.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Listers have received their annual pay checks.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Brett alerted the Highway Crew that the school bus will be going out to the end of Ebenville Road this year.
2. Jean Ceglowski asked the Board to not have Peter Pelton mow the area where the milkweed are at the Town Green until the end of September, in order to not disturb the Monarch Butterflies' habitat there. Debbie will tell Peter to delay his mowing until then.

Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Linda, seconded by Charlie to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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