

UNAPPROVED
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Wilson, Linda Montague, Deborah Baker, Philip E. Mazzucco and Charles Rockwell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Jane Davies, Robert and Paula DiCrosta, Greg and Lynn Vail, Arlene Bentley, Jed Rubin, Debra Fuller, Isaac Wagner, John LaVecchia, Brett Lourie and Carlo DeRege.

Public hearing called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Public hearing for a Vermont Community Development Program grant for the Sheldon Store project, which needs to be applied for by the Town of Rupert. Isaac Wagner addressed the Select Board about the details for the planning grant for Sheldon's Store. If awarded, the grant money will go into putting in the new septic system and general architectural planning. The on-line grant application is due on April 13, 2021. The Select Board needs to approve up to a grant of \$50,000.00.

Town Clerk and Treasurer Andrea asked if the applicant (Town of Rupert) would be operating under the old Town Plan or the recently adopted revised Town Plan. Also, she asked for the meaning of a revolving loan fund. Isaac replied that the project would operate under the Town Plan adopted on February 10, 2015 and the grant funds will be received by the Town for us to manage only.

John LaVecchia of Rupert Village Trust said that the closing on two acres acquired from the Town will be happening soon and they need a final design for the septic system to be placed there as the wastewater rules have changed since 2018.

Isaac indicated that the decision on the grant will happen in June. Money will come into the Town then the check will be written to Rupert Village Trust. It would be best to have a separate account for the grant funds. After the receipt of the VCDP funds, as federal funds passed through the State of Vermont, an audit may be required of the Town, and the VCDP would reimburse for extra expense on the audit for Town of Rupert funds.

There was a motion by Charlie, seconded by Debbie to adopt the Resolution for VCDP Grant Application Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearing concluded at 6:52 p.m.

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