

UNAPPROVED
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 24, 2021

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Richard Ventrella, Donald Lewis, Brett Lourié, John LaVecchia and Katherine Breyars.

Debbie made motion, seconded by Charlie to approve the minutes with one correction as noted. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. BCA hearing this Saturday, 10:00 A.M. August 27th.
2. Listers resolved the assessment issue with the West Rupert parsonage. No further action.
3. Rupert Theater and Music Festival presented by Van Barton will be allowed on the Town Green for August 28th.
4. American Rescue webinar will give an update on funding for the towns August 31st. Money was deposited in the general fund for COVID relief.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Payment of \$37,000.00 is due for the new truck. About \$12,000.00 is the cost for the two new snowplows. We will get \$2,700.00 per month from the State as a highway supplement.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Linda will set up a meeting with Michael Batcher to refine details on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway: Two trucks are in the shop. Work being done on Derby Hill Road and Kent Hollow. Touch up paving at Town garage is scheduled for September.
2. Consideration of what to do with storage of the timbers from the George Hatch barn, should the Town use them in the future.
3. Motion by Debbie, seconded by Charlie to approve the new work policy, effective tonight, with the addition of 21 sick days per year. Motion carried.
4. Discussion of possible grants through Bennington County Regional Commission to help with the parking at the rail trail sites.
5. Charlie will coordinate with Pawlet to develop a welcome center in West Pawlet for the Rail trail, which may have a hook-up to the sewage system and some vending machines for snacks.
6. Rupert won the three State wide project award for the year for work at Sheldon's Store and the Rupert Village Trust endeavors.
7. Debbie has been pricing out various speed control signs. The Board will consider her findings.
8. Rich Ventrella spoke of several obvious zoning violations, one of which presents a serious health hazard. Zoning Board Administrator John LaVecchia will look into the matters. The Select Board needs to set new fines for any zoning offenses.

The Board went into executive session concerning a personell matter at 8:18 p.m. and came out at 8: 29 p.m.

Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Charlie to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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