UNAPPROVED SELECT BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 12, 2021

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Brett Lourie, John LaVecchia, Arlene

Bentley, William Meyer, Donald Lewis, Susan and David Nichols and Kat Bryers.

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Motion by Charlie, seconded by Phil to approve the September minutes with minor corrections. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

- 1. We are offered a drop box for ballots from the State. The BCA has to decide whether to allow it. Perhaps it could be affixed to a cement base. OLD BUSINESS:
- 1. Some winter sand in, and one truck in the shop. Paving should commence on 10/21/21. Sidewalk work will be done soon. Road grading is ongoing.
- 2. Still are advertising for the vacant position on the Highway Department.
- 3. Proposal for Town to put up about \$24,00.00 for a \$70,000.00 grant to help fund the household hazardous waste facility in Bennington. Motion by Charlie, seconded by Phil to sign agreement. Motion carried.
- 4. Debbie has inquired about Town email addresses for us, for each at \$20.00 per year. Motion by Debbie, seconded by Charlie for Rupert.Org for email. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Kat Bryers of Bennington County Regional Commission spoke of the housing shortage in VT. Multi housing may be needed and there is a grant available with an application due date of 11/15/21. A signed resolution is needed to proceed
- 2. Debbie has looked into prices for speed signs. One that may fit our needs costs \$3,000,20. There is a 2 year warranty on it.
- 3. Charlie mentioned that a noise ordinance may have to be implemented in the future. It is up to the Planning Board.
- 4. John LaVecchia said Rupert has received a Planning Award , and will be will presented in Burlington. Need to have a representative from the Town. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- 1. Don Lewis asked when the library walkway would be reconstructed? Tom replied that it will be replaced with concrete when the next phase of the concrete sidewalk is done. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To do with personnel issues. Went in at 7:50 p.m. and came out at 8:05 p.m. Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Linda, seconded by Debbie to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Montague