

UNAPPROVED
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2021

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Arlene Bentley, William Meyer, Brett Lourie, John LaVecchia, Donald Lewis and Jed Rubin.

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Reapportionment for our district coming up soon. Probably there will be no change. The Board of Civil Authority needs to hold a public meeting on the matter. The hearing will be held on November 9th at 6:00 p.m.
2. Letter from White Doe Farm requesting an appeal from the conditional use application permit for their property. John spoke of the details and certain objections from the neighbors.
3. Motion by Debbie, seconded by Charlie to have Isaac Wagner be appointed the grant administrator for the Town regarding the Rupert Village Trust restoration and development work at Sheldon's Store. Motion carried. Motion by Debbie, seconded by Charlie to amend the August 24, 2021 minutes to mention the municipal policy and codes for the Rupert Village Trust. Motion carried.
4. A resolution needs to be signed by the Select Board for Rupert Village Trust and their community development funding for the grant agreement. Isaac Wagner needs a progress report and John Thrasher will have to review the paperwork.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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| 1 | Cash on hand | 09/01/2021 | \$1,002,098.40 |
| | Receivables | | 896,417.75 |
| | Disbursements | | 692,014.25 |
| | Cash on hand | 09/30/2021 | \$1,226501.90 |
2. Select Board is entitled to waive the penalty for a taxpayer not filing the homestead exemption on time. No action was taken by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. LED lights are offered by Efficiency Vermont.
2. Substance abuse survey sent to Select Board Chairs from Department of Health.
3. Linda noted graffiti at the Kiltay Library, and suggested that Win Loomis repaint the window sills there and the top of the bookcase just below them.
4. Debbie and Linda will meet soon to address questions from Michael Batchter of Bennington County Regional Commission about hazard mitigation.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway: Quote for \$73.00 per ton for salt, through a private company, not the usual with State of Vermont. No more paving this year. Fuller Paving will take care of the job in the Spring. Sidewalk work will continue with the weather being conducive for it.
2. Motion by Charlie, seconded by Phil to purchase a speed cart at \$3,024.00 and an extra bracket for \$40.00. Two year warranty included and Brett will be in charge of moving it to various strategic locations.
3. Blower grant was delivered to the Town.
4. RMS Heating and Plumbing gave an estimate of \$22,540.00 for radiant heat at the Town Office. Consensus of the Board to hire him and get the work done.
5. By-laws modernization grant will be considered at the next Planning Commission meeting.
6. Debbie reported that the Town will have an email domain name of Rupert Vt.org. Each Town official may have individual email to do only Town business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dog attack on Hebron Cross Road. Kelli Raymond and Brett will go with an officer from the State Police to visit the owner of the vicious dog.
2. Could ARPA funding be used to repair crumbling concrete at the bridge on Route 153 in West Rupert?
3. Andrea said the Office will be closed on November 2nd.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Linda, seconded by Debbie to go into executive session about a personnel matter. Motion carried. Went into executive session at 8:20 p.m. and came out at 9:08 p.m.

Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Debbie, seconded by Phil to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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