

UNAPPROVED  
SELECT BOARD MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 23, 2021

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Brett Lourie, Susan Nichols, Donald Lewis, William Meyer, Arlene Bentley, Kelli Raymond and John LaVecchia

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. State Elections Division wants a decision on the handling of absentee ballots for Town Meeting. Motion by Linda, seconded by Phil to only send out absentee ballots by voter request. Motion carried.

2. Select Board must consider mask wearing at public meetings. The Board may change any municipal rule on this every 45 days. Deadline for mask wearing is 04/12/22.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Garry Dufour inquired if the Town would repair the Connaway Road apron leading Route 30? Linda will get Garry in contact with District 1 with his inquiry.

2. Information packet of proposed plans and funding for the Northshire Recreation Facility. Linda will read the literature and report back to the Board next meeting.

3. Letter from Joe Miles indicating that there was no State funding to create parking lots for the rail trails. *In Support of Grant.*

4. Adjacent neighbors are interested in buying the former Grange lot. It was the consensus of the Board to have Charlie order an appraisal of it to determine a price.

5. Zoning Administrator John LaVecchia was advised by the Town attorney to have the Select Board wait on the sidelines during the neighbor's appeal of White Doe Farm's conditional use zoning application.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway: bad storm 11/13/21 on the mountain. Plan to advertise for filling the vacancy on the Highway Department.

2. Jim Henderson of Bennington County Regional Commission spoke of lack of parking for the rail trail and possible parking on Highway Department property. Pawlet seeks a letter of support from the Board to assist them to obtain a grant funding for a welcome center and more parking spaces near the trail. Jim will draft the letter for us to sign, and Andy will print it out on the Board's letterhead.

3. Cemetery Trustee Debbie asked if the \$2,500.00 for cemetery work is now in our annual budget?

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Charlie asked if scrap metal be removed from the former Creamery lot behind the Highway Garage.

2. Don Lewis wants to donate three large spruce trees to be displayed for Christmas. Two at opposing corners of East Street, near Route 153 and one at the Town Green.

3. Animal Control Officer Kelli Raymond told of problems with an unlicensed dog in West Rupert and her efforts to get the animal's owners to comply with the law. Options are there for her to seize the dog, including a court order.

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Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Debbie seconded by Phil to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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