

UNAPPROVED
REGULAR SELECBOARD MEETING
FEB. 8, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Wilson, Deborah Baker, Phil Mazzucco, Charles Rockwell

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Donald Lewis, Brett Lourie, Michael Watrous, Arlene Bentley, Bill Meyer

Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Tom Wilson at 6:30 P.M.

It was the consensus of the Board to postpone the approval of the January minutes until the next regular meeting.

TOWN CLERK REPORT –

1. Clerk would like to schedule a BCA meeting to go over the 2022 Town Meeting procedures. It was decided that the meeting will be held Feb. 22, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. The regular Selectboard meeting will follow.
2. Complaint came into the town office about the newly installed lock at the entrance into the Rupert Library which will now require a code to gain entrance. It was reported that the lock had been approved by the Library Trustee's. The concern, however, was that not all groups that use the library had been given a code and they were not able to access the library at their scheduled time. Since the Selectboard was not notified of this change to a town owned building, Tom offered to speak to the president of the Trustee's on this issue.
3. The septic system at the town office failed and it was necessary to call Dorr Oil to correct the problem. Discussion followed of the possibility of more service to the system in the future.
4. Arlene Bentley reported that two dogs had been running at large on Ebenville Road and was concerned about the status of their rabies vaccination. Clerk found out that the dogs are here temporarily. The owners still should be notified and asked to produce a rabies certificate and be informed that the dogs should not be running loose.
5. Clerk announced that the Rupert Town Office will be closed on Feb. 16, 2022.
6. Pre-town meeting information notice, to be included in the town report, was presented for the Board's review.
7. Form PVR-4155, Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending, was received from the Lister's, and signed by the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

No report since the January bank statement has not been received yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

HIGHWAY REPORT –

1. State Highway Bridge and Weight posting restrictions need to be filed.

2. Due to recent storm activities of ice, sleet and snow, the sand and salt piles are running low. It was also necessary for the Road Crew to use the grader to help clear some of the town roads.

TOWN GREEN – Nothing new to report

GRANGE LOT – Michael Watrous addressed the Board to express his interest in purchasing the Grange Lot property which is now owned by the town. The Board responded by stating that all properties abutting that land will be notified of the sale and the Board will be entertaining sealed bids. Discussion followed on what the property is presently appraised at.

CUD Update - Bill Meyer reported that their annual meeting will be held on Feb. 23, 2022. The annual report will also be available. Also, the grant has been delayed due to an increase of interest in those funds.

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

At this time a motion was made by Deborah Baker, seconded by Charles Rockwell to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel business. Motions carried. Clerk was granted permission to stay. Board went into Executive Session at 6:55 P.M.

Board came out of Executive Session at 7:20 P.M. Motion was made by Charles Rockwell to offer Richard Browe a full time position on the Rupert Highway Department. Motion seconded by Deborah Baker. Motions carried. Discussion followed on the need for an employee's six-month review which is due this April.

Motion made by Charles Rockwell, seconded by Phil Mazzucco to adjourn this meeting. Motions carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Lenhardt, Rupert Town Clerk / Treasurer