

UNAPPROVED
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2022

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, John LaVecchia, Susan Nichols, Jason Norton, Brett Lourie and Donald Lewis.

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

Motion by Tom, seconded by Linda to approve the minutes from March and of pre-Town Meeting. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Andy will seek out bids for doing the three year audit job for Town finances.
2. Debbie, Andy and Patrick Wilson had training for operating the new vote tabulator. The machine with its advanced technology should prove to be more efficient in many ways.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash on hand	03/ 01/22	\$1,140,144.39
Receivables		113,559.13
Disbursements		123,520.90
Cash on Hand	03/31/22	\$1,130,182.62

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Debbie had a request for having the speed cart moved to Route 315 near Derby Hill Road. It was the consensus of the Board to move the cart around to different locations.
2. Second reminder to have a tree taken down for Helen Maikisch, which is in the highway R.O.W.
3. Notice that Peckham Industries will be raising their prices.
4. Hub 66 is to set up the internet at the town Garage.
5. Vermont Digger made comments about the content of our meeting agenda. It will get updated accordingly and needs to be posted 48 hours ahead of a regular meeting and 24 hours in advance of a special meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway: grading roads, cutting brush, loader being fixed in Shaftsbury.
2. Board members got copies of First Constable's report. Jason and Brett visited the greyhound owner and feel that he will comply, and confine his dog to the yard. The Board will consider more police training for the Constables as the cost to the Town will be zero for an 80 hour session at the State Police Academy in Pittsford.
3. ZBA John LaVecchia said that a hearing on the complaint against White Doe Farm will be held May 2nd on the court's website. Consensus of the Board was to make a small change to the zoning permit fee schedule.
4. Motion by Phil, seconded by Debbie to buy a thirty foot aluminum flag pole, at a cost of \$2,785.00 for the Town Green, using the Green's allocated funds. Motion carried.
5. Phil said we are awaiting an estimate on vault room masonry work from Tom Cassidy.
6. The land swap with the fire Company will be soon according to Charlie.
7. Motion by Tom, seconded by Debbie to appoint Anniken Davenport for Library Trustee. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Tom, seconded by Debbie to donate \$425.00 to Trent Lourie for last year's lawn maintenance at the Town Office. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. John mentioned that Rupert Village Trust may be interested in organizing this year's Green Up Day, May 7th.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. A resident asked Debbie when the Town would buy a truck for Phil Mazzucco, our new Road Commissioner. Since there will be NO truck, Debbie created a very visible sign for Phil to display when he is performing his duties. It is laminated with slick plastic and reads: "Official Town of Rupert Road Commissioner on Duty". The presentation of the sign was greeted with amusement and laughter. Phil was both surprised and greatly humored by the gift. May he exhibit it with pride!

Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Linda to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Select Board Clerk