

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2022

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, State Representative Sally Achey, John LaVecchia, Arlene Bentley, William Meyer, Jason Norton, Kelli Raymond, Jed Rubin, Susan Nichols and Nichol McKeighan.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Sally Achey gave a follow up report on her efforts to assist with obtaining expanded internet coverage in Rupert. She and the Town's telephone and internet provider, Consolidated Communications are trying to find a feasible plan to get increased service in Town for internet.

Tom and Sally met with a VTrans representative concerning the parking areas at the rail trail. Grant money may be obtained to assist the Town with the parking situation.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Selectboard approved the wording of the special ballot at the August 9th election to allow the sale of the former #230 Grange lot in Rupert Village. An informational meeting regarding the question will be held at the Town Office on August 26th, 6:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Town Office renovation fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Brett Lourie asked if he is to be paid for holidays as a part time employee. The work policy states that he is entitled to this benefit. Consensus of the Board to pay the \$1,134.00 owed to Brett.
2. Still working on computer back up with NEMRC.
3. No response from RHR Smith Accounting for a comparison quote on doing our Town funds audit.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Complaint of unpermitted occupancy of the trailer located near barn owned by Timothy Saunders on Route 315. Two junkyards, visible from the road are each at the barn/trailer parcel and at his house lot. Zoning Board Administrator John LaVecchia will send Tim a letter of violation.
2. Health Officer Kelli Raymond said the State will now do all rental property inspections. She will send a notification letter to each landlord.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway: new culverts installed where needed and roadside mowing ongoing. Drop inlet was put in today on East Street.
2. Bill Meyer announced that CCI is helping to connect more residences for internet and may complete their project by December 2023.
3. First constable Jason Norton spoke to owners of delinquent dogs about getting licensed. Also, an unlicensed dog ventured onto a neighbor's property and attacked her dog, but no bite occurred. Jason will send a notice for a fine to be imposed on the owner of the offending dog. Charlie said maybe we could include the State dog rules with our own.
4. The White Doe zoning issue has been resolved, with both parties signing the agreement, John referred to the outcome as an administrative action.
5. When his barn has been taken down, George Hatch has offered lumber from it to the Town for constructing a pavilion at the Town Green. Town Green Committee members should meet with the Selectboard about this matter.

6. Lister Jed Rubin announced our new grand list figure of \$162,000,448.
7. Jed, as Planning Commission Chair received an email today from Patrick Lowkes of Vermont Natural Resources saying that the Drinking Water and Wastewater Division has closed the case against Mr. and Mr. Aldonando, as they have moved back into the original house on Route 153.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Susan s Nichols asked where do we walk for safety?

Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Linda to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk