

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 23, 2022

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Jason Norton, Susan Nichols, Kelli Raymond and Eric Montbriand.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Phil to approve the July minutes. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. The Vermont Secretary of State will be mailing out absentee ballots to all voters for the November election.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash on hand	July 1, 2022	\$837,564.63
Receivables		59,059.20
Disbursements		75,015.04
Cash on hand	July 31, 2022	\$821,608.79

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Thank you note from Margaret Bain for the dish garden given to her in Bob's memory. Robert Bain had served faithfully for many years on the Rupert Fire Company and the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway report: to ease potholes on Hebron Road, gravel has been dug out and a base of crushed slate been applied. Roadside mowing is ongoing. Fuller Sand and Gravel will start paving Route 153 from the Fisher Farm to the Stateline. Road Commissioner Phil said that Hebron Road has been fixed up very well, and more nuisance dying trees in the highway right-of way need to be cut. Helen Maikisch's tree is on the list to be removed
2. 1st Constable Jason has received numerous complaints about speeding on certain roads. The speed carts have charted about 50% of vehicles going over the limit by ten MPH. Three car accidents reported. Kelli of Animal Control and Jason are working out a strategy to control or rid the Town of an aggressive dog in West Rupert. Owner has failed to license the animal and stands to have it confiscated. Jason attended a "mass gathering" trouble shooter class and was given specific first aid procedures to follow when treating serious injuries caused by a firearms attack.
3. The Planning Commission has traditionally been comprised of an odd number of members. With the resignation of Kim Davis from the Commission, the Board feels that the public is best served if we go back to that way of conducting Commission business. Having an odd number guarantees that there will never be a tied vote. Motion by Linda seconded by Phil to reduce the Planning Commission to five. Motion carried.
4. Consensus of the Board to have a public auction at the end of September for the Grange lot sale.
5. Dude Truehart gave a masonry estimate o fix the hole at the back of the library. Other bids will be sought.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bid opened for winter sand offered by Charles Holcomb Enterprises at \$9.50 per yard loaded into the trucks. Eric Montbriand had a sample of the product in his truck which Tom and Phil examined during the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Susan Nichols asked about when the Town Green walking path would be finished.

Board went into executive session regarding a personnel matter at 7:40 p.m. Came out of executive session at 8:17 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Listers' errors and omissions document was signed by the Board.
2. Routine orders for the Treasurer were signed.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Linda to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk