

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Jason Norton, Donald Lewis, William Meyer, Arlene Bentley and John LaVecchia.

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

Motion by Tom, seconded by Debbie to approve the August minutes with one minor correction as noted. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Email from Mr. Miner of Teaneck, NJ requesting copies of all ballots related to the 2020 election. The State Board of Elections will be discussing the matter with the Secretary of State's Office.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash on hand	08/01/2022	\$ 821,608.79
Receivables		579,467.58
Disbursements		142,452.59
Cash on hand	08/31/2022	\$1,258,623.78

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Bill Charlton emailed about blight in West Rupert and two unsightly junkyard operations in Town.
2. From Department of Public Safety, received the close out paperwork for revising the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Board signed the document.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: two culverts installed on Lang Road and a box culvert will be here soon. Helping Tom Cassidy work on the Town Office project. Our new \$220,000.00 truck is at DeLurey's.
Phil has noticed two trees in the highway right of way which need to be taken down.
2. Bill Meyer said that the Bennington County Communications Union has a two year contract with Consolidated Communications, though the CUD will own the wiring and hardware. A \$9,000,000 grant has been awarded to the fourteen participating Towns involved with the project.
3. 1st constable Jason has had difficulty locating the owners of the aggressive dog housed in West Rupert.
4. As per PC Chairman Jed Rubin's suggestion, there was a motion by Debbie, seconded by Tom to excuse Val Almosnino from the Planning Commission due to realignment of the Commission. Motion carried.
5. Date and time of the auction for the sale of the Grange lot will be advertised.
6. John alerted the Board of a meeting regarding the rail trails, which the Bennington County Regional Commission will hold on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at the Merck Forest sap house. Parking and other issues may be brought up then.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jason asked if a medical helicopter be permitted to land on the Town Green as part of a joint training session with the Rupert, Dorset and East Dorset Fire Companies. The date is October 16th. Board needs a written request to be submitted.

2. The Board will sign sympathy cards for the families of the late Thelma Georgeson, Fred and Judy Buechner.

Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Linda, seconded by Phil to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk