

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 22, 2022

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Jason Norton, Donald Lewis, William Meyer, Stephen Niles, John LaVecchia and Monica Davenport.

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. All went well with voting at the November general election.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash on hand	10/01/2022	\$1,311,152.32
Receivables		111,960.65
Disbursements		150,554.41
Cash on hand	10/31/2022	\$1,272,574.55

2. Selectboard consensus to approve their gross annual pay of \$4,000.0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Jim Sullivan of the Bennington County Regional Commission will be retiring.
2. Metawee School District has adopted a policy for dealing with homeless students.
3. The Route 30 culvert replacement will be on the 12/13/22 agenda.
4. Bennington County Regional Commission has a program for Town buildings.
5. Rupert has an invitation to join the Trails Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway: Tom has applied for East Street to be upgraded to a Class 2 highway. Training of new personnel. Brush being cut and seeking paving grants. Winter salt has been ordered and Phil is going to mark some hazardous trees
2. Jason reported no recent problems with dog violations. Debbie said the speed cart should be moved to junction of Route 153 and Hebron Road.
3. Stephen announced the new library hours for 2023. He proposes a 2" by 4" banner in front of the library to notify the public. An energy efficient LED light over the library door is needed.
4. Melissa and Michael Morin were on the speaker phone to discuss their property's zoning violation. Zoning board Administrator John LaVecchia cited that construction took place before the zoning permit appeal period had expired. The Selectboard will take up the issue on the facts of the matter and decide on the violation. John is still trying to resolve the violations of change of use at the Timothy Saunders Route 315 properties.
5. A line needs to be run from the library telephone up to the Historical Society for mainly emergency use.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rupert Fire Company is donating a weather strip to close a draft at the library. Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Tom, 2nd by Phil to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjournment at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague, Selectboard Clerk