

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2023

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Donald Lewis, John LaVecchia, David Nichols, Susan Nichols, Jason Norton, Carrie Braidt, Kelli Raymond, Anniken Davenport and Christina Cosgrove.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Andy and Debbie attended a webinar about how to utilize the federal government's ARPA funds. The money may be now placed in Town general revenue and also a portion can be used to match future grants for Town projects. There is available advice for spending the funds from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.
2. Covid restrictions are lifted. A normal pre-Town Informational Meeting and in person voting may resume.
3. The Listers must review the new \$1,950.00 Cartographic contract before Board approval.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. An unfortunate incident occurred on Sykes Hollow Road, resulting in the death of Linda Eliason who froze to death outside her home.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: Small storms and one truck went off the road, with a wrecker then called to assist with retrieval.
2. Jason assisted with the State Police with regard to serving summons. Kelli said that the issue with the Great Dane was resolved in court. The stray cat problem is being taken care of as well.
3. John is getting help from the State on dealing with the Route 315 illegal junkyard.
4. The Town Green Committee has a rough draft of terms of use for the Green.
5. Charlie said that ARPA funds may be used for energy efficiency items at the Town Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. By consensus of the Board, a donation for Neighbor to Neighbor will be included on the Town Meeting Warning and the funding request for Manchester Recreation Center will be eliminated.
2. A thank you to Arthur Lourie and John Armstrong for acting as good citizens to clear the sidewalks of snow in Rupert Village.
3. Jason expects the Town Emergency Plan to be completed by February 28th.
4. A suggestion by Charlie that an outside advisor could help with the planning of our budget.
5. The Board worked on formulating the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.
6. Orders were signed by the Board.
7. A special meeting will be held on January 31st to finalize the budget and sign the Warning.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Debbie to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:50 P.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk

