

Unapproved
SELECTBOARD MINUTES

April 11, 2023

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Donald Lewis, Peter Pelton, Susan Nichols, Debra Fuller, Christina Cosgrove and John LaVecchia.

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Debbie to approve the March minutes with minor corrections as noted. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Dogs are being licensed and Andy is aware of twenty-eight dogs which are still not registered.
2. Also, praise to Animal Control Officer Kelli Raymond for getting the abandoned cats in West Rupert down to Second Chance Animal shelter, where as necessary, certain cats were spayed at a cost of \$10.00 each.
3. The three new Lister computers have been ordered. NEMRC will connect them to the cloud for a \$500.00 set up fee and then a monthly charge of \$10.00 per their terms. Debbie is also researching with Michael Oltenadel about a different plan. He may come to a Board meeting to further explain the technology involved with it. Motion by Charlie, seconded by Linda to have new Lister keyboards and mice for \$82.93. Motion carried .

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1.	Cash on hand	03/ 01/2023	\$795,192.77
	Receivables		60,429.86
	Disbursements		72,067.27
	Cash on hand	03/31/2023	\$783,555.36

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Hub 66 needs people in West Rupert to contact them at www.hub66.com to request their services.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Highway: Cutting brush and drawing gravel. White truck needs a replacement box Tom has seen on-line one possible choice up in Poultney.
2. Phil said that Route 153's road edge was graded and contoured to possibly lessen the water run off at Suzanne Moore's driveway.
3. John LaVecchia said that Vincent Letourneau from Vermont State has taken on the Timothy Saunders junkyard etc. problem. Tim potentially faces fines and court action for the violations. A letter has been sent out to Mr. and Mrs. Moran about their illegal camp. On May 1st at 7:30 p.m. there will be a hearing on the non-permitted structure at the Route 153 Davenport residence in Rupert Village.
4. The Town must submit a report by the end of April about any of the ARPA funds that have been spent.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. An amendment for our County Solid Waste Alliance Plan will now allow a trailer to be placed in Bennington for collection of household hazardous waste. Motion by Tom, seconded by Linda to have the amendment approved and the facility built. Motion carried. On one day per month they will be accepting the hazardous materials.

2. Debra Fuller reported that USDA approval has been granted for funding the Sheldon Store's well and septic, Selectboard needs to sign a letter of support which she will draft. Board's consensus to sign the letter.
3. The Sheldon Store will again host Green Up Day, officially on May 6th. Contact John LaVecchia to sign up and get a bag or two.

Public comment:

1. Susan Nichols asked about any telephone services that HUB 66 offers other than internet?
2. Christina supports the efforts of Eugene and Jean Ceglowski to preserve the Monarch butterfly habitat.

Orders were signed.

Motion by Debbie, seconded by Linda to adjourn Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk