

UNAPPROVED  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2023

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Donald Lewis, Peter Pelton, Jason Norton, Debra Fuller, Sherriff James Gully, Dr. Stephanie Peters, Jane Davies, Stephen Niles, Christina Cosgrove, Arlene Bentley, William Meyer, Albert Davenport, Anniken Davenport, Jed Rubin, Linda Schmidt, David Nichols, and Kelli Raymond.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Selectboard was given names of two people who are interested in serving on the Planning Commission. And a Development Review Board hearing will be held for May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
2. Shelving for the vault room has been partially installed.
3. Sherriff Gully addressed the Board on their services, which could perhaps be about five hours per month, possibly working with our First Constable. Speeding through Town is a major issue. The pay scale would be \$70.00 per hour, up to twenty hours of work here. He explained level 2 and 3 police training, their radio repeater communications system and the requirements that Jason would need to write tickets.
4. Linda Schmidt from the Sandgate Selectboard asked if we could combine police patrolling with her Town.

OLD BUSINESS: Highway: grading roads, cutting brush and chloride applied to back roads. Phil said that he has noticed some potholes which need to be looked after.

1. Kelli took care of two dogs, one of which had to be put down. The West Rupert cat problem has persisted. She said that Tractor Supply has a rabies shot clinic once a month at their stores and to contact them.
2. First Constable Jason informed us that thefts are still happening in the area. A black KIA Soul or black pick up truck with no black bumper may be the transportation vehicles for the thieves.
3. Bill Meyer mentioned that people may sign up for broadband internet, which should be mostly available in Town by July 17, 2023.
4. Jed Rubin noted that the State will likely use Green Acres Initiative out of Rutland to perform our next Town wide reappraisal.
5. John LaVecchia discussed with the Board violation fines and costs of advertising public notices in the newspapers. The Saunders Route 315 junkyard still persists and now the State has gotten involved in the matter.
6. Jane informed the Board of the next Town Green Committee meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. All will meet there or at Sheldon's Store.
7. Stephen announced that there was a large attendance of approximately 125 people at the Town Green Easter Egg Hunt; a huge success.
8. Motion by Tom, seconded by Linda that we support the USDA loan application for Rupert Village Trust and the Sheldon Store. Motion carried. Evidence of Community Support for the Sheldon General Store into a community center and coffee shop was signed by Charlie. It will be submitted to USDA Rural Development as a part of their Rural Development Grant Program. A support letter from the Selectboard was signed for the same USDA Rural development Grant Application Grant Application. The Sheldon Store project has so far proved to be a valuable asset for our small Town's social life. The Selectboard wishes them much success in their efforts.

9. Tom and Charlie will meet soon at the North Rupert Recreation Center with the Dorset Selectboard Chairman to consider its future use.
10. Debbie obtained two estimates for getting WIFI into the Town Office. Motion by Tom, seconded by Phil to approve the estimates for wall mount. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. An Economic summit will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in Wilmington.
2. April 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for reporting on any spending of ARPA funds by the Town.
3. Green Up bags are available at Sheldon's Store.
4. Jason and Charlie are working on the Town's Emergency Plan.

Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Linda to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Montague  
Selectboard Clerk