

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 2023

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Donald S. Lewis, John LaVecchia, Kate Sudhoff, Lisa Thorton, Jason Norton, Stephen Niles, Jed Rubin and Christina Cosgrove.

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

TOWN CLERK:

1. Old Grey Barn is hosting several weddings soon at their location. Selectboard's consensus was to approve the scheduling of the events.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Cash on hand	07/01/23	\$497,109.14
Receivables		67,171.58
Disbursements		95,728.54
Cash on hand	07/31/23	\$468,552.18

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lisa Thorton, Stewardship Forester, and Kate Sudhoff addressed the Board concerning the 366 acres +/- in Rupert, which Bly Hollow wants to sell to the State of Vermont. If the Selectboard gives approval with a letter of support for the project, then an application can be submitted for Federal Forest funding. Questions were posed by the Board of the impact on Town taxes, future use of the parcel, and whether the Town would get any profit from sales of timber? Most of the land is in Sandgate, with the total amount in both Towns at 2,747 +/- acres. The Forestry Legacy application needs to have the land surveyed first and appraised to determine a market value asking price. We will have a joint meeting with members of the Sandgate Selectboard in October to decide on the matter. If the sale goes through to the State, only recreational use, hiking and hunting will be allowed.
2. Preliminary meeting 09/16/23 of the Overview Rail Trail Council to go over by-laws.
3. Highway: bridge has been installed on Lang Road. We need a price on winter sand. Two paving projects have been planned for a portion of Route 153 and chip sealing on Pawlet Mountain Road.
4. Jason said that Brett Lourie investigated complaints about four-wheelers.
5. The value of the Comcast holdings has depreciated. Selectboard must sign a document attesting that a correction has been made on the grand list omission.
6. The Board must vote on changes to the number of housing units allowed.
7. An energy efficiency program is being sponsored by M-Tap. Stephen expressed a need for the library to take advantage of any program benefits as they have rotted windows and a problem with mold in the building.
8. Motion by Tom seconded by Phil to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague,
Selectboard Clerk