

UNAPPROVED
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2023

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Donald Lewis, Carey Braidt, Kurt Braidt, Marleigh McNealus, Jason Norton and Christina Cosgrove.

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

Motion by Tom, seconded by Phil to approve the September minutes. Motion carried.

1. Consensus of the Board to hold a public meeting on December 12th at 6:00 p.m. to get opinions and then approve the grant for the Rupert Village Trust project.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1.	Cash on hand	09/01/2023	\$1,066,721.65
	Receivables		900,338.18
	Disbursements		995,537.35
	Cash on hand	09/30/2023	\$ 971,522.48

2. Town gave \$150.00 for Green Up Day activities and \$450.00 to cover the cost of mowing the Town Office lawn.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Selectboard needs to write a letter of support to Rural Economic Development to help the Congregational Church with building rehabilitation.
2. Highway: Route 153 paving and Pawlet Mountain Road chip sealing have been done. Half of the winter sand has been obtained.
3. Jason reported that there have been recent sightings of bears around Town. Speeding is still a problem on Hebron Road.
4. Up for discussion was whether we should utilize the services of the Bennington County Sheriff's Department for patrolling.
5. A December 2023 public hearing will be held by the Selectboard to review and vote on the revised Town Planning bylaws.
6. ARPA funds may now be used to help finish off our Town Office restoration.
7. A joint meeting will be held in Sandgate on November 16th to discuss the possible sale of acreage in Rupert and Sandgate to the State.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Marleigh McNealus wants two dead maples removed near her house. Both are in the Town right-of-way. Tom will look at the trees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To discuss a legal matter, executive session was entered into at 7:17 p.m. Came out of executive session at 7:21 p.m.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Linda to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Selectboard Clerk

