

# **Townshend Select Board Virtual Meeting**

**Minutes-approved November 24th, 2020**

**November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Sherwood Lake, Steven Frisk, Irvin Stowell, Rob Wright

**In Attendance:** Karla Lumbra, Richard Melanson (BCTV), Helen Holt, Richard Carroll

**1. Call to Order:** Lake called the meeting @ 6:02p.m. Frisk motions to take the agenda out of order to go into executive session under 1 V.S.A. 317 (c)(4) to discuss attorney correspondence at 6:03p.m. The board comes out at 6:43p.m with no resolution

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Select Board Virtual Meeting October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**3. Additions and Deletions:**

**4. Members of the Public:**

**5. Warrants:** Oct 27<sup>th</sup> and Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Wright motions to pay warrants 1-9 dated for Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Stowell seconds, carried by all present

**Oct 27:**

#1	Payroll	\$11,817.20
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#2	Payroll Taxes	\$5,368.95
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#3	Payroll	\$11,483.60
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#4	Payroll Taxes	\$4,988.13
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#5	General Fund	\$54,913.61
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#6	General Fund	\$18.63
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#7	Highway	\$12,941.01
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#8	Highway	\$21.30
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#9	Equipment	\$1,111.47
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Total	\$102,663.90
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**Nov 10:** Wright motions to pay warrants 1-5, Lake seconds, carried by all present

#1	Payroll	\$11,758.95
#2	Payroll Taxes	\$5,109.36
#3	General Fund	\$9,914.48
#4	Highway	\$7,857.23
#5	Equipment	\$5,125.54
	Total	<b>\$39,765.56</b>

**6. Reports:**

**Highway:** Frisk reports that 2 highway grants are in the process of being closed out and the town reimbursed, Grants In Aid and Better Back Roads. The highway is getting ready to submit a new Better Back Roads grant for 2021. The Small Structured Grant has been postponed due to Covid Pandemic. Frisk would like a reserve amount allocated for Jay Road Project due to culvert failure. The project minimum will be about \$150,000 and this will take precedence over Bridge 43 and Stone Arch Bridge for the Small Structures Grant due to safety issues. Stowell motions to approve \$30,122.23 to be held in a reserve account, Wright seconds, carried by all. Frisk states that the weather has been favorable and the highway department has been able to continue with cleaning out the ditches with the new blower, and continuing with brush and tree removal

**Town Clerk:** Counter Report Received

**Town Treasurer:** Sweep account: \$846,948.78 and Checking account: \$30,000.00

**7. Correspondence:**

- a. Newfane Select Board inquiring whether Townshend would like to share Animal Control Officer – board declines offer
- b. Thank you letter from SEVCA
- c. Thank you letter from SB to L & G with regards to lending tables and assistance to accommodate ballot counting in safely measured distances during the pandemic

**8. Old Business:**

- a. Covid-19 Town Update – Governor Scott issued a travel ban on all leisure travel in Vermont effective immediately. Covid cases are rising across the US as well as Vermont, and only essential travel is permitted without quarantining for 14 days or 7 days with a negative Covid test. There have been complaints of non-compliance re: wearing masks in a public setting in

public buildings. The AG's office has a link to report complaints- <https://ago.vermont.gov>

**b.** Jim Crozier and Sumac Removal at Ball Field Update – Wright will mow the edges of the areas previously maintained, Sumac removal and maintenance will be an ongoing discussion

**9. New Business:**

- a.** Health Officer Reports
- b.** Scheduling FY22 Budget Meetings - first meeting scheduled for November 18th, 2020 at 6:00p.m
- c.** Errors & Omissions from Listers - accepted by Select Board

**10.** **Executive Session:** 1 V.S.A. 317 (c)(4) - out of Executive Session at 6:43p.m with no resolution as stated above

**11.** **Meetings:** Meeting November 24<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:00p.m, and special budget meeting November 18th at 6:00p.m

**12.** **Adjournment:** Stowell motions to adjourn at 7:26p.m, Frisk seconds, carried by all

**13.** Zoom Meeting Information:  
Topic: SB Regular Meeting November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Time: November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
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