



TOWN OF TOWNSHEND
Selectboard
PO Box 121 Townshend, Vermont 05353

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021

In Person & virtually via ZOOM

Approved 11/23/2021

Present: Sherwood Lake, Allison Dercoli, Haley Felker, Rob Wright, Steve Frisk

In Attendance: Galen Robinson - BCTV Technician, Connie Holt

Members of the Public: Ned Phoenix, Irv Stowell, Helen Holt

Meeting Call to Order: Lake calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes: Wright makes a motion to approve the Selectboard 10/26/2021 meeting minutes. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

Additions and Deletions: Lake adds;

1. Reports 7(E): meeting to be held regarding dispatch service.
2. Members of the Public: Ned Phoenix
3. Correspondence:
 - a. County Tax Bill
 - b. Thank you letters
4. New Business: Sheriff department contract 2022 rates. This will be part of the budget discussions.

Members of the Public:

1. Ned Phoenix: Mr. Phoenix came in front of the Selectboard to request a waiver of the homestead declaration penalty. Mr. Phoenix submitted a statement and documents to support his request that he attempted several times to pay it but was not successful. There were no questions from the Selectboard. Wright makes a motion to relieve Ned Phoenix of the \$289.51 homestead declaration penalty. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

Correspondence:

1. County Tax Bill: Selectboard allocated \$14,000.00. It is now jumping to \$16,536.00 that the town owes the county. This will be part of the budget discussions.
2. Letters of Thank You from the social services organizations that received the town allotments. They are included in your packet.

Warrants: Rob Wright makes a motion to pay warrants 1 through 6;

1. Payroll: \$11,614.18
2. Payroll Taxes: \$4,844.83
3. General Fund: \$18,548.05
4. Highway: \$711.42
5. Highway: \$9,389.99
6. Equipment: \$3,171.86

Total Warrants: \$48,280.33

Felker seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

Reports:

1. Highway Report: Frisk gives the report:

- A. We held our first FEMA assessment meeting on Wednesday at 11:00am
- B. There is now 120 tons of salt in the sheds and by the end of next week the new truck will be delivered.
- C. We have now used up all the purple dump bags and will be transitioning to blue dump bags.
- D. I have reviewed Green Mountain Power's easement request. They are replacing poles with bigger poles and bigger wire and therefore requesting to go further into the property. It will effect what we can do with the property but it won't restrict access. They want an easement that is the current 47 feet from the middle of Rt. 30 plus an additional 12 feet. There is a question from the board about what happens if we reject the easement request. Frisk answers that if the Selectboard rejects the request they will have to work within the current boundaries. Selectboard Chair Lake states he will entertain a motion. No motion is made. Frisk states he will contact Betsy the easement contractor for Green Mountain Power.

2. Town Clerk Report: Lake points out that the Town Clerk's report is in the packets for the Selectboard.

3. Treasurer Report:

Municipal Investment Fund: \$986,126.00
Checking Account: \$30,000.00

4. Chair Report:

1. Sidewalk blockage issue: There was a citizen complaint about the stones blocking the sidewalk as Halloween approached. The state police were called in and the blockage was cleared.
2. Department of Public Safety will be holding a meeting on 11/17 to discuss dispatch services. Townshend does have dispatch service, but we do have 911 call that go through state police. I believe they want to recover the cost of transferring the calls to Keene. I will be attending and will report back.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Town Hall Use Request: Windham Central is requesting the use of the second floor from 9:00 - 3:00pm on 11/17/2021. Wright makes motion to approve the request and to waive the \$50.00. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

Next Meeting: Lake reports that the next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held November 23, 2021.

Executive Session: Personnel Issue - 1 VSA 313(B) personnel. There will be no report coming out of executive session.

Adjournment: Dercoli makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Felker seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0. The meeting is adjourned at 6:17pm.