

Townshend Select Board Virtual Meeting

Minutes-approved May 25th, 2021

May 11th, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

In attendance: Karla Lumbra, Austin Rice (BCTV), Andy Snelling, Joe Winrich, Charles Marchant, Irvin Stowell, Stephanie Amyot, Elise Guyette, Evan Litwin, Lynne Shea

- 1. Call to Order:** Lake calles the meeting to order @ 6:00p.m.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Frisk motions to approve the minutes for Select Board Virtual Meeting April 27th, 2021, Wright seconds, carried by all
- 3. Additions and Deletions: Opening of Fire Truck Bids under OB, Trash Cans and Benches on Common under NB**
- 4. Members of the Public:** Rename Negro Brook Alliance, Charles Marchant - Members of the Rename Negro Brook Alliance attended to discuss with the Select Board their research work and desire to rename Negro Brook to honor Susannah Tobey (Huzzey), a resident of the surrounding area with ties to Townshend. Charles Marchant spoke to the board regarding his research to state that as a retired history teacher and native of Townshend, he felt that a name with more historical ties would be best. Given the time frame that the library board meets on June of 21, the request is made by the alliance for a letter of support from the Select Board. The Select Board listened to all who wanted to speak on this matter and felt that 2 matters were presented. Renaming of the Negro Brook, and what to rename the Negro Brook. Dercoli makes a motion to approve the request to rename the Negro Brook, Felker seconds, Frisk and Wright oppose, with Lake supporting the name change. Motion passes. Dercoli makes a motion to accept the name Susannah Tobey, Felker seconds, with some weigh-in from attendees in support and opposition, Wright and Frisk oppose, with Lake supporting as the time consuming voluntary process was gracefully relinquished by Charles Marchant. Motion passes. Lake to write the letter to the Vermont Department of Libraries
- 5. Warrants:** Wright motions to pay warrants 1-5, Dercoli seconds, carried by all

#1	Payroll	\$11,134.16
#2	Payroll Taxes	\$4,535.38
#3	General Fund	\$10,080.80
#4	Highway	\$1,556.58
#5	Equipment	\$26,255.92
	Total	\$53,562.84

- 6. Reports:**

Highway: VTrans announces the continuation of Small Structures Grants, and the Culvert Replacement was approved for Jay Road, awaiting a hydraulic study. The crew is clearing 3 culverts on Simpson Brook Rd, ditching is continuing on Taft Road and grading is continuing when it's not raining. Park Benches will be put out on the Common on July 4th, 2021.

Town Clerk: Counter Report

Town Treasurer: Sweep Acct: \$776,705.27, and Check Acct: \$30,000.00

7. Correspondence:

8. Old Business:

- a. Covid-19 Town Update - Governor states that VT is on schedule for releasing all restrictions by July 4th. Promotes vaccination for all Vermonters. FDA approves Pfizer for 12-16 year olds.
- b. Appointing Board of Adjustment and Flood Plain Administrator per nomination of the Planning Commission - Frisk motions to accept the Planning Commissions nomination of Joe Winrich after some discussion, Frisk seconds, carried by all. Frisk motions to appoint the eligible members of the Planning Commission to the Board of Adjustment, Wright seconds, carried by Felker and Lake with Dercoli abstaining
- c. DVCUD - Ongoing Broadband Research- update - Snelling states that Townshend is a new member in the broadband initiative

9. New Business:

- a. American Recovery Plan Funds - Townshend to receive funds with regard to the newly passed bill in relation to Covid-19. Ongoing information will be released
- b. Tutoring via remote learning at a public municipal space, once a week for 1 hour - as of now, there is no public use in town buildings, only outside space
- c. Request for use of the Common, June 5th, for after school 5K, Girls On The Run, Dercoli motions to accept request, Wright seconds, carried by all with covid-19 restrictions in place

10. Executive Session:

11. Meetings: Meeting May 25th, 2021 @ 6:00p.m

12. Adjournment: Dercoli motions to adjourn at 7:44p.m, Felker seconds, carried by all

13. Zoom Meeting Information:

Topic: SB Regular Meeting May 11th, 2021

Time: May 11th, 2021 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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