



TOWN OF TOWNSHEND

Selectboard

PO Box 121 Townshend, Vermont 05353

Selectboard Meeting Agenda

August 9, 2022 6:00 PM

Townshend Town Hall

Approved: 8/23/22

Present: Sherwood Lake, Katie Marrow, Rob Swiger, Rob Wright, Steve Frisk.

In Attendance: Galen Robinson - BCTV, Connie Holt - Asst. to Selectboard

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Lake calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Frisk makes a motion to approve the July 26, 2022 Selectboard meeting minutes. Marrow seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0
3. **Additions and Deletions:** Lake gives the additions to the agenda;
 1. New Business: Frisk reporting on request for a yield sign.
 2. New Business: Frisk reporting on reduction of speed limit on Simpson Brook Road.
4. **Members of the Public:** None
5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Warrants:** Wright makes motion to approve warrants 1 - 5.

1. Payroll:	\$19,792.85
2. Payroll Taxes:	\$8,789.34
3. General Fund:	\$14,746.22
4. Highway:	\$330,324.82
5. Highway Equipment:	\$2,230.00

TOTAL: \$375,883.23

Motion is seconded by Frisk. Motion carries 5-0-0
7. **Reports:**
 1. **Highway:** Frisk gives the Highway report;
 - a. The mower arrived. We are out mowing. We have the mower til August 30th.
 - b. Bids for the supply of WinterSand:
Zaluzny: \$29.50/yard of sand

Derrick: \$22.80/yard of sand

Frisk comments on the cost and amount of winter sand. He states that the department budgets for 4,000 cubic yards of winter sand. Over the past two years the town has used approximately 2,200 cubic yards of sand. If mother nature stays the same as the past two years we will not need much sand. If we order all of the sand through Derrick we would have an increase of \$27,000.00. The days of sand at \$16.00/yard are over. The sand is going to be manufactured. Lake makes a motion to accept Derrick's bid. Wright seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

c. Request to reduce the speed limit on Simpson Brook Road: Frisk reports on a request to reduce the speed limit on Simpson Brook Road to 20mph. Frisk provides a document that reflects that the Townshend Selectboard in 2003 adopted a 35 mph speed limit on unpaved roads (see attached). Frisk also adds that he knows the UPS driver and a reduced speed limit is not going to slow him down. Lake suggests that the Selectboard send a letter to UPS asking them to slow down the drivers.

d. Request for a yield sign: Frisk reports on the request to put up a yield sign at the corner of Hazel Road and Crane Mountain Road. Frisk states that in 2012 Windham Regional Commission did a survey of all roads and did not find a need to put up signs. Several Years ago the Selectboard voted for no signs on Crane Mountain Road. He states the problem is most likely on weekends with a number of the houses being seasonal. Wright, Marrow, Swiger question the effectiveness of signs. Wright makes a motion to put up a stop sign at Shirley Circle. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion fails 0-5-0.

e. Green Mountain Power: Frisk reports that there is a request from Green Mountain Power to bury 470 feet of power line in the Town's right of way on Saw Dust Alley. It will be buried 36 inches under ground with sand on the bottom and sand on the top with warning tape. Green Mountain Power wants to move the power line to the front of the road for ease of maintenance. Frisk notes that there are no culverts involved in this section of the road. Wright makes a motion to allow Green Mountain Power to bury the power line as long as the homeowners give permission. Marrow seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

2. **Treasurer:** Lake gives the Treasurer report. The true general fund balance is \$503,623.00.

3. **Town Clerk:** no report
4. **Chair:** no report

8. **Old Business:**

1. VEMRS document to sign: Lake makes a motion to sign the Sullivan & Powers notice of an audit of VEMRS. Swiger seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0. Board agrees to have the Chair sign on be half of the Board.

2. Town Garage Propane contract: Selectboard decides to wait on propane contract to see if Dead River will not charge to install their tanks. During the meeting, Dead River confirms that there is no cost. Therefore, the Selectboard agrees to go with Dead River and confirm it the 8/23/22 Selectboard meeting.

3. Update on the Stone Arch Bridge Project: Lake points out the additional information in their packet for them to review in preparation for Charlie Merchant's appearance at the 8/23/22 Board meeting. He states that he has been assured that the town is not locked in. If the project does not raise enough money then it doesn't happen.

9. **New Business:** None

10. **Executive Session:** None

11. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022

12. **Adjournment:** Wright makes a motion to adjourn. Frisk seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 6:21pm.