



TOWN OF TOWNSHEND

Selectboard
PO Box 121 Townshend, Vermont 05353

Selectboard Meeting Agenda February 28, 2023 6:00 PM Townshend Town Hall Approved: 3/28/23

Present: Sherwood Lake, Katie Marrow, Rob Wright

Absent: Steve Frisk, Rob Swiger

In Attendance: Galen Robinson - BCTV Tech, Connie Holt - SelectBoard Assisitant

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Lake calls the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Wright makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the February 14, 2023 Selectboard meeting. Marrow seconds the motion. Motion carries 3-0-0.
3. **Additions and Deletions:** Lake reports that there are no additions or deletions.
4. **Members of the Public:**

Laura Richardson comes before the Board with two issuers;

 1. The \$100.00 fee to use the Commons: Richardson raises the issue of raising money for the upkeep of the Gazebo. She recommends that the fee does not get waived in order to use that money to maintain the Gazebo. She states that it is reasonable fee that even non-profit organizations can afford to pay. Wright states that the fees were to go to the upkeep of the fountain. He also states that the Selectboard used the Newfane Common Policy as a model for Townshend's Common Policy. Lake states that he believes the Gazebo is taken care in funds that have not yet been used. He does not agree to tax town residents for the up keep of the gazebo.

Marrow suggests creating a private group like the Friends of the Wardsboro Skate Park. Such a group of volunteers can do fundraising for a project. Richardson replied that there is town money that is at the discretion of the Selectboard. Lake concludes the conversation that when the weather is warm and dry we will address issues with the Gazebo.

 2. The Mosley Fund: Richardson reads the original letter regarding the creation of the Mosley Fund. She did so in order to clarify the purpose of the Mosley Fund. Lake replies that the money will be used for the purpose of the Town.
5. **Correspondence:** Lake reports that there is no correspondence.

6. **Warrants:** Wright makes a motion to pay warrants 1 - 5.

1. Payroll:	\$11,370.31
2. Paroll Taxes:	\$4,940.32
3. General Fund:	\$7,412.92
4. Highway:	\$8,250.06
5. Highway Equipment:	\$9,313.18
TOTAL:	\$41,286.79

Marrow seconds the motion. Motion carries 3-0-0.

7. **Reports:**

1. **Highway:** None

2. **Treasurer:** Lake reports that the true balance of the General Fund is \$824,948.00. M&T statement reports that there is \$1,888,159.00 in the Municipal Investment Fund and \$30,000.00 in the checking account.

3. **Town Clerk:** Lake reports that the Town Clerk took in \$797.50 in fees and services.

4. **Chair:** Lake reports that if you can not attend Town Meeting, it will be streamed live on Comcast Channel 1079 and on YouTube. The link is posted at the Town Clerks's office, on Front Porch Forum, and at the post offices.

8. **Old Business:** Lake reports that there is no old business.

9. **New Business:** Lake reports that there is new business.

10. **Executive Session:** N/A

11. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:00pm

12. **Adjournment:** Wright makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marrow seconds the motion. Motion carries 3-0-0.