

APPROVED MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BENSON, VT
June 12th , 2023, 7pm

Selectboard:

Linda Peltier (Chair), Guy Charlton, Jerod Glover, Tom Bartholomew

Others:

Heidi Chandler (Town Clerk/Treasurer) and Carrie LaFond (Selectboard Assistant)

Public:

Jack Helm, Jamie Longtin, Dylan Welch, Nancy Elkington, Douglas Yaremchuk

Call to Order: Linda Peltier (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approved Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Guy Charlton and seconded by Jerod Glover, motion was passed.

Amendments to the Agenda:

Added -Library Committee Resignation

Added-Dog Complaint

Public Comment:

Jamie Longtin reminded the Selectboard not to hold quorums outside the meeting.

Dog Complaint- Dylan Welch was concerned that the dog issue on Stage Rd had not been resolved because the dogs are not always wearing their electronic collar and asked what the next step was. Answer: Linda Peltier (Chair) will contact the owners again.

Discussion on who can serve tickets, a call will be made to the traffic bureau to find out who has a number and ticket book.

Approve Selectboard Minutes:

Motion to approve May 30th Selectboard minutes as presented by Jerod Glover, second by Tom Bartholomew, motion passed.

Board of Sewer Commissioners:

Motion by Guy Charlton to adjourn as the Selectboard and reconvene as the Board of Sewer Commissioners, second by Jerod Glover, motion passed.

- Tom Bartholomew presented the board with his findings on allocations that are not hooked up yet and have expired. The sewer reports for flow for several years need to be reviewed before any more allocations can be approved.

Motion by Guy Charlton to adjourn as the Board of Sewer Commissioners and reconvene as the Selectboard, second by Jerod Glover, motion passed.

Pay Bills:

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay regular bills in the amount of \$29,217.36, second by Jerod Glover, motion passed.

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay regular payroll in the amount of \$4,925.01 second by Jerod Glover, motion passed.

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay Highway Payroll in the amount of \$4,265.12 second by Jerod Glover, motion passed.

Overweight Permits: Tabled

Highway Department:

Road Foreman Report (by Chair, in Brad Barrett's absence)

- Finished up grading.
- Working on roadside mowing
- The Mac has been repaired.

Comment was made that the roadside mowing is looking great.

Transfer Station

- Three dumpsters went out last week.
- Worked on cutting the grape vines back.
- Needs to order the mesh to cover the dumpster.
- Request was made that items that come in that residents may want should be put in the dumpster if not picked up within a week.
- Illegal dumping has occurred when the dump is closed the action to be taken send a letter to the responsible parties as an address was within the bag.

Town Clerk Report

- Provided budget reports for the Highway and General fund.

Old Business:

Animal Control –

Motion by Tom Bartholomew to appoint Ron Stewart as the Animal Control Officer, second by Jerod Glover, motion passed.

Constable – Discussion that Adam Stewart had not resigned as the constable yet. Jerod Glover will contact the Fair Haven Police department regarding patrolling for the Town.

Wage Rates '23-'24-

- A Signed copy of the wage rates that were budgeted and set by the previous board were not in the file.

Motion by Linda Peltier (Chair) to move into executive session for an issue that the board has determined that premature public knowledge would clearly place a person involved at a substantial disadvantage. Second by Guy Charlton, Motion passed.

Motion by Jerod Glover to move into executive session per 1. V.S.A 313 (a) (3) for the purpose of appointment or evaluation of a public officer or employee at 8:33 pm Second Guy Charlton, Motion passed.

- Out of exec session at 8.58 PM with No action taken

New Business:

Selectboard Schedule-

- Tom Bartholomew started a schedule for the selectboard (see attached)

Arpa Funds- Tabled

National Flood Insurance Program- Discussion that there is an upcoming meeting and Attachment (A) in the regulations has not been followed.

Correspondence:

Resignation letter -Library Committee

Motion by Guy Charlton to accept with regret the resignation of Rebecka St. Peter from the Library committee, second by Jerod Glover, Motion passed.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Jerod Glover, Second by Guy Charlton at 9:30

Respectfully submitted.

Carrie LaFond

Selectboard Assistant