

APPROVED MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BENSON, VT
July 10th, 2023, 7pm

Selectboard:

Linda Peltier (Chair), Guy Charlton, Jerod Glover, Brad Barrett

Others:

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

Public:

Jack Helm, Jon Dodd, Caleb Parker, Steve Murray, Ted Kellogg, Jamie Longtin, Nancy Elkington, Brian Fowler

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 Brad Barrett and seconded by Guy Charlton, motion was passed.

Amendments to the Agenda:

Added:

1. Errors and Omissions Report -Listers
2. Liquor Control Board
3. Police Department Update
4. Board of Sewer Commissioners

Public Comment:

- Ted Kellogg addressed the Board about his Sewer Allocation he applied for months ago. Questioned how allocations are approved, why someone from out of town would have one approved before a resident, and asked if one of his allocations could be approved because he would like to get started on the project. m

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

Motion by Guy Charlton, seconded by Jerod Glover to approve a sewer allocation for Ted Kellogg at the corner of Stage and Lake Rd, motion passed.

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

- Jamie Longtin informed the board of a new rule that would allow wake boats on Lake Sunset, this would cause a very large wake that would further erode the shoreline and cause issues for smaller boats/ and other users of the lake. Jamie asked the board for a letter of support for a 1,000 ft wake buffer that would. Prohibit these boats on the lake. Other towns have been in support of the 1,000 ft buffer.

Answer: The SB needs further information before doing a letter of support.

Approve Selectboard Minutes:

Motion to approve June 26th Selectboard minutes as amended by Jerod Glover, second by Brad Barrett, motion passed.

Pay Bills:

Motion by Guy Charlton to pay regular bills in the amount of \$17,322.87, second by Jerod Glover, motion passed.

Motion by Jerod Glover to pay regular payroll in the amount of \$4,836.84, second by Guy Charlton, motion passed.

Motion by Jerod Glover to pay Highway Payroll in the amount of \$4,680.19, second by Guy Charlton, motion passed, Brad Barrett abstained from the vote.

Highway Department:

Road Foreman Report

- Plan to ditch on Frazier and Temple School Road
- Working on grant project roads
- Working on water turnouts
- Cleaning up trees from storms

Transfer Station

- Two dumpsters out in the past two weeks
- Barrier blocks have been set.
- Need some fill for behind the building so the backhoe can be pulled up and not get blocked by snow pile.
- Jerod Glover would like to see anything left out for people to possibly take be put in the dumpster within one week. Question was asked if a person wants something, and they are unable to get it in one week. Can they make a plan to get it? **Answer:** yes
- Question was asked when G & L runs out of stickers how do they get more? **Answer:** They usually come and get them.

Town Clerk Report

- Received a thank you note from Sarah Glover for the scholarship.
- Provided the Board with a list of unregistered dogs. The Town Clerk will send out a letter to unregistered dog owners that if they do not register their dogs then they will start accumulating tickets.
- Discussion on whether we really need to require dogs to be registered. **Answer:** Yes, State Law
- Lisa Fontaine has reduced her available hours as the Town Clerk /Treasurer Assistant

Old Business:

- **Selectboard Calendar:** Tabled until Special meeting 7/17/23
- **Playground/ Beautification Update:/Merry go round/Swings Update:** The deck has been ordered for the merry- go-round, the baby swing will be back up soon. Discussion on putting down vinegar on the sand to kill the weeds. No decision on who will put the vinegar down.
- **Officer Number - Judicial Bureau Update-** The Judicial Bureau is issuing a ticket number for Ron Stewart Jr. who is the Animal Control officer, Selectboard assistant to follow up on numbers that are no longer needed.

New Business:

Police Officer: Jerod Glover has tried to touch base with the Police department but feels at this time a meeting with the Selectboard in Fair Haven would be more advantageous since the department is very busy at this time. No decision as to who will go the board or when.

Internet: Jon Dodd presented the Board with some handouts on Internet speeds and funding and an ACT pertaining to property valuations and appraisals. (See file).

Errors and Omissions Listers-

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Jerod Glover to authorize the Listers to update the Grand List as reported in the errors and omissions report (6-88), motion passed.

Correspondence: Letter from Bob Standard with a bill for \$200.00 for roadside mowing.

Motion by Brad Barrett, second by Jerod Glover to Authorize Linda Peltier (Chair) to sign a letter thanking Mr. Stannard for mowing however services rendered need prior approval, motion passed.

Board of Liquor Control:

Motion by Guy Charlton to recess as the Selectboard and reconvene as the Board of Liquor Control, second by Jerod Glover, motion passed.

Motion by Jerod Glover, second by Brad Barrett for the Linda Peltier (Chair) to sign the liquor license applications (2nd class) for Cobble Knoll Orchard, motion passed.

Motion by Brad Barrett to recess as the Board of Liquor Control and reconvene as the Selectboard second by Jerod Glover, motion passed.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Brad Barrett at 8:43

Respectfully submitted.
Carrie LaFond
Selectboard Assistant