

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2020

Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Bruce Rumball-Petre, Mark Castonguay, Paul Chambers, Joel Cope, Charlie Pronto, and Teresa DeBonville.

Chairperson, Michael Strait called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update Agenda: The agenda was updated to include a liquor license for the Kingdom Grille. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to approve and sign the request from Kingdom Grille for a third-class liquor license. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: None.

Road Department: Mark informed the board that the new truck was sent to have the body attached. Mark will get with Bruce about which sidewalks need to be done; as some of the walkways were overlooked on the snow removal policy.

Buildings and maintenance: Bruce informed the board of projects he has been working on. The board informed Bruce that the town clerk's office was very happy with the work he and Kelly Zerwek had been doing.

Recreation: Paul discussed opening the skate shack with the board. The board does not want it to stay unlocked all the time, but is ok with it being used.

Paul informed the board that the online map was working and Paul is trying to get it out to as many virtual locations as possible.

Michael Strait was discussing with the board the availability of a civic and artistic infrastructure grant. Two ideas for use of this money are either a digital sign to advertise events on the corner of Mill Street and Cross Street in the pavilion park or a Drive-in screen system. The board will discuss this more.

Personnel: Nothing.

Request to purchase town forest property on Head of The Pond Road: Charlie Pronto was present to discuss possibly purchasing the land and camp from the town on Moise Woods Road. Charlie is looking for a hunting camp and is interested in this property owned by the town. The board told Charlie that they would have to put this before the voters and would also probably ask for bids so that anyone who is interested would have a shot. Also, the town would want to research the property for right of ways, forestry management, why the town owns it, etc. Joel will get back to Charlie if the town decides to sell.

Request for donation to Preservation Trust: The town sends the Preservation Trust an appropriation every year already.

Town meeting by Australian ballot: On Thursday there will be a meeting with VLCT, the elections divisions and other staff to discuss having town meeting by Australian ballot. The decision has to be made to hold our town meeting this way before the warning goes out. More information will be collected before a decision is made on this.

Pay orders: The board reviewed and signed the pay orders for the general account and the road account.

Budget report: The board reviewed the budget and started to discuss the proposed 2021 budget figures.

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: Tabled.

Other business: Joel informed the board of a potential rodent problem on Railroad Street. The health officer has been contacted about this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.