

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 6, 2021

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

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

Updates to agenda: TAP Letter, Food drop program, and recycle center issue.

A motion was made by Heather McElroy to name Joel Cope as municipal project manager for the TAP Grant for the downtown revitalization project engineering. Michael Strait seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Michael informed the board members that he received a call asking if the Vermont Food Drop Program could use the town garage parking lot as a location for food distribution. This would be for 3 hours once a month. The board agreed this was ok.

There has been an issue with a resident disrespecting the recycle center staff. A letter will be written to this resident.

Public comment: None.

Road department: Mark informed the board someone was logging on Cedarwood Drive; also, Sweet Tree using Arthur John Road and Head of the Pond Road when it is muddy may both become issues. The board informed Mark that he has the authority to speak with these people and tell them they will be responsible for fixing the roads if they damage them.

Buildings and maintenance: Bruce informed the board of projects he has been working on. Tardif's Plumbing and Heating will be coming to clean the furnace in the railroad depot building.

Recreation: Paul informed the board that the rink is getting lots of use. The school has asked to hold their winter programming at the rink this year, as skiing is off the table. Paul will be looking into getting a port a potty from Juddy's to put near the rink.

Personnel: Nothing.

Town forest on Head of the Pond Road: The board is not interested in selling this land at this time. No action will be taken.

Consider having Town Meeting by Australian Ballot for 2021: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to hold the 2021 Town Meeting by Australian Ballot. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Warning Articles: Joel sent the board a draft of the 2021 Warning for Town Meeting to review. The board approved the warning.

Pay orders: Tabled.

2020 Budget report: The board reviewed the final numbers in the 2020 budget report. A meeting will be held on January 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM to work on the 2021 proposed budget.

Approve minutes of previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the December 2, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to approve the minutes as printed. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: The board discussed snow removal on the Cross Street Bridge across from The Essex House and Tavern. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM