

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 19, 2022

Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Joel Cope, Paul Chambers, Teresa DeBonville, Bruce Webster, Bruce Rumball-Petre and Kerry O'Brien.

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

Update Agenda: Open bids for the old town tractor.

The town received 6 bids for the old town tractor. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to accept Sean Brown's bid of \$14,000.00. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: Kerry O'Brien was present to discuss the town's interest in purchasing the Island and pursuing stewardship projects on the Island. An appraisal would need to be done to see the value of the Island first. Kerry will reach out to the present owner to see if he would be willing to pay for the cost of the appraisal; and if not will see if there is grant money available for this. The board did say that if the present owner would come down to the new appraised price; they would be willing to bring it before the voters.

Road department: The board reviewed the new town sand pile policy. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to adopt the policy as written. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Buildings and maintenance: The board discussed the Moise Woods Lot Lease. It was agreed to go up on the lease rent to \$1,000.00 per year and also receive a certification of insurance from the lessee.

Bruce explained to the board the repairs needed to the fire alarm in the depot. The board wants Bruce to get quotes on the cost of repairing it.

Gray's electric did some work at the town hall and will be doing a project at the town garage.

The new tractor has been delivered.

Recreation: Paul spoke with Vermont Land Trust about working with Matt Lang; our counties forester. The board is ok with this so Paul will pursue.

PVR Equalization Study: The COD (coefficient of dispersion) for our town is at 20.55%. Once it reaches over 20% an order from the state to do a re-appraisal is sent. Joel will speak with John Westinghouse to see if we should send an appeal on this; and will also research the cost of a re-appraisal.

Adopt VCDP Municipal Codes: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to adopt and sign the VCDP municipal policies and codes. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Budget report: The board reviewed and worked on the proposed 2022 budget figures.

Town meeting 2022 Planning: The board will need to meet to approve the warning for town meeting; as well as the select board report.

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

Approve minutes of previous meeting: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting as printed. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Joel informed the board that the county budget was available if they wished to review it.

A motion was made by Heather McElroy to allow Andy Martin to negotiate with the Town of Charlotte about selling the spare dump truck to them. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.