

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 7, 2023

Present: Noah Bond, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, John Manning, Ed Barber, Andy Martin, Lisa Cooper, Pierre Gervais, Erin Miceika, Mike Strait, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending virtually: Joel Cope, Ann Budrewicz, and Bruce Webster.

Chairperson, Jeanne Gervais called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update agenda: The agenda was updated to include Parade permits, an Executive session to discuss how the board would like to proceed with the passenger train and to go over a contract, and the Vermont Land Trust letter.

A motion was made by Heather McElroy to approve the parade permit for the Independence Day Parade held on July 1, 2023. John Manning seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The board reviewed the letter of support for Vermont Land Trust on the purchase of the Island. The board would like to have Noah make a few adjustments to the letter and will sign once the adjustments have been made.

Public comment: Pierre Gervais spoke of a concern about noise and access speed through town. Pierre commented that he would just like to somehow all work together to come up with a solution for this problem so that small businesses in the downtown area would thrive.

Ann Budrewicz questioned the hiring of 3 personnel for the recreation. One as director, and the other for the summer program coordinators. Noah will make an appointment with Ann to go over the budget figures as to how everyone is paid and the cost to hire the 3 personnel and to pay Mike Strait.

Hiring update: Noah updated the board on the hiring process for the recreation department. Noah will be performing interviews for the vacant positions over the next two weeks.

10 Mile Square Road Closure: The 10 Mile Square Road will be closed from July 26, 2023, through July 29, 2023, from 5:00 AM to 3:00 PM for work that needs to be completed.

Town Manager report: Noah reported to the board the projects that each department has been working on and will continue to work on.

The skate shack has been moved to the baseball field.

The town clerk's office will be implementing the municipay system by the end of next week.

We will be looking into trying to find a cheaper interest rate for the purchase of the grader. Heather McElroy suggested keeping in mind that down the road, we could refinance at a cheaper rate as an option.

Approve the minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the May 17, 2023, meeting. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to approve the minutes as printed. John Manning seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

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

Other business: Ann Budrewicz asked Andy if he had noticed any illegal dumping at the stump dump recently. Andy told her that he hadn't noticed anything but would check.

Heather McElroy motions to go into executive session with staff at 6:50 PM to discuss the passenger train, and contracts. John Manning seconds the motion.

At 7:00 Heather McElroy motions to exit executive session. John Manning seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Upon coming out of executive session. The board decided to attend a meeting in Montpelier with the transportation department to discuss the passenger train. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to have Noah Bond sign the web design contract. John Manning seconds the motion, all in favor so carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.