

**Townshend Select Board**  
Approved 5-14-19  
April 23, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Kathy Hege, Steven Frisk, Robert Wright, Will Bissonnette.

**In Attendance:** Karla Lumbra, Richard Melanson (BCTV), Chloe Learey, Emily Wagner, Cynthia Davis

1. **Call to Order:** Hege called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.  
**Motion to take agenda out of order made by Hege to proceed to Members of the Public, Bissonnette seconded, carried by those present.**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** April 9<sup>th</sup> SB Meeting Minutes- Frisk motions to approve, Bissonnette seconds, carried by those present.
3. **Additions and Deletions:**
4. **Warrants:**  
Wright motions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, seconded by Frisk, carried by those present.

#1	Payroll	\$11,108.28
#2	Payroll Taxes	\$4,548.35
#3	General Fund	\$20,098.53
#4	Highway	\$6,070.04
#5	Equipment	\$2,369.07
#6	Fire Department	\$20,000.00
	Total	\$64,194.27

**5. Reports:**

**Highway:** VTrans Municipal Grant for Stone Arch Bridge at behest of Historical Society – grant was denied. Setting new tax rate to include \$88,000 to be put into reserve for future repairs.

Frisk: Bridge closed today, 2 weeks for repairs. State road has been worked on, 4 new tires on grader and culverts cleaned.

**Town Clerk:**

**Town Treasurer:** Sweep account \$764,895.71, checking account \$30,000.00

**6. Correspondence:**

a. WSWMD proposing to hold a HHW collection event at Townshend Highway Garage Sat, June 1 from 8-12 – Bissonette motions, Wright seconds, carried by those present.

**7. Members of the Public:** Chloe Learey, speaking on behalf of the Child Care Counts Coalition about the role child care plays in economic development. Career Center, CCV, BDCC, etc. Early childhood Education Services and the need for them- ie Ripple Effect- parents and income relationship due to lack of early childhood education. Raising awareness. H531, state level financial assistance for ECE. Issue of public vs private, pre-k in public, private care needing to close for losing 'students'.

**8. Old Business:**

a. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Liquor License Renewal for West River Community Project/West Townshend Country Store- Bissonette motions, Frisk seconds, carried by those present.

b. Outside Consumption Request for West River Community Project/West Townshend Country Store - Bissonette motions, Frisk seconds, carried by those present.

c. Officer Appointments: Craig Hunt-Cell Tower, Susan Hunt-Weigher Of Coal, Eileen Fahey-Howard Legacy Fund, Crystal Mansfield- Valley Cares, Patricia Jerez-911 Coordinator, Frisk motions, Wright seconds, carried by those present.

**9. New Business:**

**a1: Hege to make an addition: Explanation of potential to move from accrual to cash accounting**

**a2:** Opening audit bids from McSoley McCoy, and Sullivan & Powers – McSoley McCoy, \$13000 for yr 2019, single year bid. Sullivan & Powers, accrual \$25,800 2019 yr, \$26,300 2020, \$26,900 2021, cash \$18,000 2019, \$18,400 2020, \$18,900 2021 -

b. Town Hall Use. S Vt Therapeutic Writing Center, 2nd Monday per month at the town hall with fee waived. Bissonette recuses. Wright proposes \$15 per meeting. Wright motions for \$15 per meeting, Frisk seconds, carried by those present except Bissonette The Recused.

**10. Executive Session:** Bissonette to motion to go into Executive Session 1 vsa, section 3-13(a)(3) at 7:17 for appointed officer, Frisk seconds, carried by those present- Came out of ES at 8:05, no resolution

**11. Other Business:**

**12. Meetings:** Next Meeting May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:30P

**13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:05**