

Townshend Select Board Virtual Meeting

Minutes-and approved January 26th, 2021

January 12th, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Present: Sherwood Lake, Steven Frisk, Rob Wright, Irvin Stowell

In attendance: Karla Lumbrá, Richard Melanson (BCTV), Douglas Divello, Helen Holt

1. **Call to Order:** Lake called the meeting to order @ 6:03p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Frisk motions to approve the Select Board Virtual Meeting Minutes for December 22nd, 2020, and Virtual Special Budget Meeting January 8th, 2021, Wright seconds, December 22nd, carried by all, and January 8th, carried by Frisk and Stowell with one abstention by Wright

Frisk motions to take the agenda out of order to have Doug Divello from Grace Cottage speak re: proposed solar speed limit signs by rt 35 hospital crossing, Wright seconds, carried by all

Douglas Divello (CEO) Grace Cottage - to revisit solar speed sign placement - Mr. Devillo presented to the board the desire to place Vermont approved solar signs in the vicinity of the crossing area on Rt 35 by the hospital to increase driver awareness of speed going through that area. The Select Board asked if there was a speed study done to justify the need for these signs, as there hasn't been significant issues in the past to suggest that vehicle operators are not complying with the 30 mile per hour speed limit posting, and as of yet, there hasn't been. Lake motions to open the discussion to allow these signs, Frisk seconds, and following discussion, the board does not agree that these signs are needed, motion fails

3. **Additions and Deletions: New Business-** SnoGoer's Club, 1st Class Liquor License for Big Picture Farm, 2nd Class Liquor License for Harmonyville Store
4. **Members of the Public:**
5. **Warrants:** Wright motions to pay warrants 1-7, Stowell seconds, carried by all

#1	Payroll	\$12,311.08
#2	Payroll Taxes	\$5,661.04
#3	Payroll	\$1,191.98
#4	Payroll Taxes	\$440.78
#5	General Fund	\$11,587.34
#6	Highway	\$2,406.43
#7	Equipment	\$9,477.66
	Total	\$43,076.31

6. Reports:

Highway: The Highway Department has been diligent in working to repair all road issues as a result of the Christmas Day Rainstorm that resulted in flooding 17 roads and closing State Forest Road. All major repairs are complete, and the highway department will resume on the minor repairs come spring. The Highway Department received the cap for the Kubota and will attach that this week.

Town Clerk: Received

Town Treasurer: Sweep Acct: \$836,007.00 and Checking Acct: \$28,808.02

7. Correspondence:

a. The Commons Article re: Negro Brook Name Change - Lake noted that there were some inconsistencies in the article, but that the Historical Society remains diligent in working with the State Library Board to find a name that better represents the Town's historical value.

8. Old Business:

a. Covid-19 Town Update - large increase of Covid cases, the governor urges Vermonters to remain vigilant and adhere to the current mandates.

b. Opening of Tractor Bids - Townshend received 2 bids for the purchase of the John Deere Tractor, \$500 from Robert Germond, and \$100 from Nelson King. Wright motions to accept the big from Robert Germon, Stowell seconds, carried by all

9. New Business:

a. Health Officer Report given to board, no action needed, case closed

b. Social Services Recommendations have been provided to the board

c. Town Warning - draft is in progress

d. Liquor Control Board - The Select Board suspends regular meeting at 6:47p.m to operate as the liquor control board to approve the 1st Class Liquor License for Big Picture Farm, and 2nd Class Liquor License for Harmonyville Store, no known issues for allowing of licensing, motions pass. Board resumes regular meeting at 6:48p.m.

10. Executive Session: 1 V.S.A. 317 (c)(4) - the board enters Executive Session at 6:50p.m to discuss attorney correspondence, and comes out at 7:35pm to announce that the determination of Hearing Officer in the Matter of Kirkpatrick's Trust Tax Appeal finds favor with the Kirkpatrick's

11. Meetings: Next regular Select Board Meeting is January 26th, 2021 @ 6:00p.m

12. Adjournment: Stowell motions to adjourns at 7:38p.m

13. Zoom Meeting Information:

Topic: SB Regular Meeting January 12th, 2021

Time: January 12th, 2021 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98774392033?pwd=djFPV2VCbzhhcmt0Y05pWjk0UkR6UT09>

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