



TOWN OF TOWNSHEND  
Selectboard  
PO Box 121 Townshend, Vermont 05353

**Selectboard Meeting Minutes**  
**October 12, 2021**  
**In Person & virtually on Zoom**  
**Approved 10/26/2021**

**Present:** Sherwood Lake, Steve Frisk, Rob Wright, Haley Felker, Allison Dercoli

**In Attendance:** Galen Robinson - BCTV Technician, Connie Holt

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Lakes calls the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Frisk makes a motion to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes from the 9/14/21 and the 9/28/21 meetings. Wright seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.
3. **Additions and Deletions:**
  1. New Business Addition (3.9): Town Hall use request from Windham Central Supervisory Union.
4. **Members of the Public: in attendance:** (30 members of the public: 7 in-person and 23 via Zoom)
  1. Betsy Bosiak representing Green Mountain Power project. Ms. Bosiak presented her request to have the Selectboard sign an easement for Green Mountain Power to replace poles and lines on town property. Lakes takes the draft easement document and informs her that the Selectboard will review and get back to her on the matter.
  2. Jenny Kessler submission of a petition from the public: Ms. Kessler reads a statement requesting the Selectboard to make a public statement of inclusion and condemning symbols of hate being displayed in town. The following members of the public spoke in support of the request for a public statement:
    1. Matthew Dean from Marlboro
    2. Cindy Smith from Windham
    3. Jay Warren from West Townshend
    4. Alex Sorenson from Townshend

5. Lyndall Boal from Brookline
6. Stephan Branstatter from Brattleboro
7. Scott Cooper from Brattleboro
8. Swift Everdy from Putney
9. Juliette Carr from Newfane
10. Keats Dieffenbach from Marlboro

Lake takes the requested statement, support statements, and petition and offers that the Selectboard will review, consult town attorney, and respond at next Selectboard meeting. Ms. Kessler agrees.

**5. Correspondence:**

1. Letter from Valley Cares: Lake reads a thank you letter from Valley Cares for the use of the town commons for a concert fund raising event.

6. **Warrants:** Wright makes a motion to pay warrants 1 through 4. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

1. Payroll: \$11,854.55
2. Payroll Taxes: \$4,958.99
3. General Fund: \$54,783.69
4. Highway: \$32,205.44
5. Equipment: \$21,555.79

**6. Total Warrants: \$125,358.46**

**7. Reports:**

1. **Highway:** Frisk gives the report: The Better Roads Grant Back Windham Road project has been completed. The Grants in Aid project on Winslow and Adams roads has been completed. As of this morning, no salt bid has been awarded for this season. Cersosimo has notified the town of a \$1.00 per yard increase for this season. That brings the cost to \$16.00 per yard. Cersosimo has also notified us that this is the last year they will be able to supply sand. Their sand pit has reached its life expectancy. Frisk is now shopping for prices on sand for the 2023 season. Finally, the Windham Hill paving has been completed as of this afternoon. Frisk sent an email to Meghan Brunk, because a national shortage of paving marking materials has led VTtrans to reduce the amount of center paving that they can do this year. Frisk has put us on the list for them to stripe as soon as possible.

2. **Treasurers:** Lake gives report:

1. Municipal Investment Fund: \$935,147.65
2. Checking Account: \$30,000.00

3. **Town Clerk:** Lake gives report: In the packet is the September finances of the counter report. The Town Clerk is in the process of setting up the ability to pay fees and licenses through credit card or debit card. She is also in the process of researching and submitting a proposal to digitize land records. This will increase accessibility and reduce time searching for the records.

4. **Chair:** No report

8. **Old Business:** None

9. **New Business:**

1. Town Hall use request from the Windham Central Supervisory Union to use the second floor on 11/15 from 1:30 - 2:30pm. Lake states that there is liability insurance certification on record with the town clerk and asks if there are any objections from the Board. There are none and therefore the request is approved.

10. **Executive Session:** None

11. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** October 26, 2021.

12. **Adjournment:** Dercoli makes a motion to adjourn. Frisk second the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0. Meeting is adjourned at 6:46pm.