

Townshend Select Board Virtual Meeting

Minutes-approved March 23rd, 2021

March 9th, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

In attendance: Karla Lumbra, Richard Melanson (BCTV), Lt Anthony French, Sheriff Mark Anderson, Laura Richardson, Todd Eastman and Camilla Roberts

- 1. Call to Order:** Lake calls the meeting to order @ 6:02p.m.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Frisk motions to accept the Select Board Virtual Meeting February 23rd, 2021, Special RECAP SB Meeting of Pre-Town Meeting and Special Reorganization Meeting March 3rd, 2021, Wright seconds, motion passes
- 3. Additions and Deletions: add LT French State Police under MOP - del Executive Session**
- 4. Members of the Public:** Sheriff Mark Anderson Windham County / LT French VT State Police. The Select Board heard from both law enforcement officers on current and potential future issues and how they will be addressed, for when the Town contracts with Law Enforcement for the coming Fiscal Year. The Vermont State Police have been contracted with the Town the past few years, however, they have been relatively short staffed, more so this year.
- 5. Warrants:** Wright motions to pay warrants 1-6, Dercoli seconds, motion passes with 4 affirmatives and Felker abstaining

#1	Payroll	\$14,702.81
#2	Payroll Taxes	\$6,634.47
#3	General Fund School	\$687,952.87
#4	General Fund	\$10,298.79
#5	Highway	\$13,628.92
#6	Equipment	\$5,595.44
	Total	\$738,813.30

6. Reports:

Highway: Frisk reports that it's time to start reserving for the roadside mower that the Town contracts with HP Fairfield for 2 weeks so the crew can clean up the roadside. Pricing is at \$3400 per week with unlimited hours. He suggests for the weeks of August 16 and August 23. Wright motions to reserve the mower for these weeks, Felker seconds, carried by all. Frisk also reports that State related items, Annual Financial Plan, Town Roads Inventory, Contact List have been prepared and are awaiting signatures to send to District 2. The State

sent a notice of posting that will now be issued by the Agency of Transportation regarding special weight limits on bridges or roads that are adopted by the Town. Notice is accepted, and will be posted in 2 or more public places. Lastly, Road Crew has been filling in potholes as the weather has been warming.

Town Clerk: report

Town Treasurer: Sweep acct: \$1,472,422.23 and Check acct: \$30,000.00

7. **Correspondence:** Windham County Humane Society notice - has retained ownership of a cat
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. Covid-19 Town Update
 - b. Bartlett Tree Proposal - revised proposal sent with regard to The Common having severely compacted soil and it's causing the trees to die. Bartlett suggests using an aeration technique in which they've used in the past. The total cost comes within the budget set for Common Tree maintenance. Wright motions to accept this proposal, Felker seconds, opens for discussion. It is noticed that the Common seems to be having this issue come about more frequently, as it is used by the elementary school for recess, so this process will be likely utilized again. After discussion, 4 affirmatives with Dercoli opposing, motion passes
9. **New Business:**
 - a. Windham Hill Pinnacle Association- Letter of Support from Townshend stating town support for the public trails and nature walks on the piece of Massey Land property that falls in Townshend. Discussion ensues about the plan for the property, and the Select Board tables for further research and clarification
 - b. VT Transportation Board notice- see reports above under highway
 - c. Grand List certification- ready for Select Board signatures
 - d. Commons / Reformer notice pricing - Commons at \$15/column inch, Reformer at \$23 / column inch. Wright motions to accept the Commons as the main Town paper for public notices and the Reformer as back up, Frisk seconds, carried by all
 - e. Town Appointment Setting - Wright motions to pass the attached Town appointments, Dercoli seconds, carried by all
10. **Executive Session:** ~~1 V.S.A. 313 (a)(3)~~
11. **Meetings:** Meeting March 23rd, 2021 @ 6:00p.m
12. **Adjournment:** Wright motions to adjourn at 7:17p.m, Felker seconds, carried by all
13. **Zoom Meeting Information:**

Topic: SB Regular Meeting March 9th, 2021
Time: March 9th, 2021 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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