



TOWN OF TOWNSHEND

Selectboard

PO Box 121 Townshend, Vermont 05353

**Selectboard Meeting Agenda
September 14, 2021 6:00 PM
In Person & Zoom Virtual Meeting
Minutes - Approved 10/12/2021**

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

In Attendance: BCTV Technician

- 1). **Meeting Call to Order:** Lake calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- 2). **Approval of Minutes:** Lake reports that minutes are pending hire of new Administrative Assistant, the meeting has been recorded on BCTV until transcribed.
- 3). **Additions and Deletions:** Correspondence WSWM Workshop
- 4). **Members of the Public:**
 - A). **Townshend Historical Society Presentation:** Charlie Marchant and Lee Petty give report concerning two projects being coordinating by the THS;
 1. **The Stone Arch Bridges Project:** THS has applied for additional funds from the State of Vermont. If awarded the funds it would be through a matching grant. THS is requesting that the Town to commit additional funds to match the state funds. There is discussion on the increased cost of the project and putting it out to bid. THS expresses their concern that this is a restoration project not a repair project which limits the number of people qualified to perform the work. Lake recommends doing further research on why the increased costs and get back to the Selectboard on the matter.
 2. **Pathway Project:** Charlie Marchant gives the report: THS is looking into creating a bike trail that connects the State Park to the Corp of Engineer's property. Because the trail already exists the project is to connect the two by building a bridge over Bear Brook. To connect the two properties requires permission from Larry Gould to take a piece of his property for the bridge. Larry Gould has agreed to it. The new head of the Corp of Engineers is requiring an adequate legal document between Larry Gould, Townshend, and the Corp of Engineer to commit to build the bridge.

Charlie requests that the Selectboard works with Larry and the Corp to get the document finalized. Lake states that he would like a lawyer to review this and put together the document.

B). **Townshend Library Board Presentation:** Marilee Attley from the Library Board gives report: Mary Moberly generously bequeathed funds to the Townshend Library. The Library Board and staff are currently putting together a town survey for residents to give their thoughts on how the money could enhance the library's service to the town.

5). **Correspondence:** WSWM Workshop Letter: Executive Director of WSWM sent a letter thanking Eddie Benoit and Irv Stoll for attending their training.

6). **Warrants:** Wright makes a motion to pay warrants 1 through 4:

1. Payroll: \$22,811.47
2. Payroll Taxes: \$9,798.82
3. General Fund: \$149,562.76
4. Equipment: \$3,383.35
5. Total Warrants: \$185,556.40

Motion seconded by Frisk. Motion carries 5-0-0.

7). **Reports:**

1. **Highway:** Frisk gives report: Roadside mowing has begun. All road damage from the 7/29/21 storm has been fixed. Now currently working on cleaning culverts, reclaiming gravel, and hauling the gravel down to the pit to recycle.

2. **Treasurers:**

1. Municipal Investment Fund: \$1,927,572.06
2. Checking Account: \$30,000.00

3. **Town Clerk:** No Report

4. **Chair:** No Report

8) **Old Business:** None

9) **New Business:**

A). **Town Hall Use Request:** Lake reports that AA is requesting to resume their Wednesday meetings at Town Hall. Wright makes a motion to resume the AA meetings here at Town Hall with the fee waived. Frisk seconds the motion. Lake raises the concern that the AA Group Meeting can not interfere with Planning Commission Meetings that occur on Wednesday nights. Motion carries 5-0-0.

10). **Executive Session:** Lake moves a motion to go into executive session per 1 VSA 313 (B) Personnel Issue. There will be no report coming out of executive session. Dercoli seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0. Meeting ends at 6:39pm.

11). **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday September 2, 2021 at 6:00PM Townshend Town Hall. and via ZOOM and in person.

12). **Adjournment:**