



TOWN OF TOWNSHEND

Selectboard

PO Box 121 Townshend, Vermont 05353

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2022 6:00 PM

Townshend Town Hall
and Zoom Virtual Meeting if possible

APPROVED: January 25, 2022

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

In Attendance: Galen Robinson - BCTV Tech, Connie Holt

Members of the Public: Robert Swiger, David Liebow, Helen Holt

1. **Call to Order:** Lake calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Wright makes motion to approve the December 28, 2021 Selectboard meeting minutes. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.
3. **Additions and Deletions:**
 1. Correspondence: (5.1) Letter from Ella Kinsman
 2. New Business: (9.2) Town Meeting
 3. Executive Session per 1 VSA 313(B) - Personnel
 4. Deletion: Approval of Dept Budgets. Lake reports that the budgets are not quite ready yet.
4. **Members of the Public:** None
5. **Correspondence:** Lake reports that the Selectboard has received a letter from Ella Kinsman requesting that the Selectboard Agenda, Zoom Link, and Minutes be posted on Front Porch Forum. He raises his concern that a zoom link posted on an open forum that goes out beyond Townshend residents could invite zoom bombers. Wright raises the issue that if BCTV is recording it why do we need to put out on Front Porch Forum. Felker raises that the zoom link is the same every week and is in the meeting warning. People know what the zoom link is. Lake concludes the discussion with an agreement from the Board to post the Agenda and the meeting minutes on Front Porch Forum.

Warrants: Wright makes a motion to pay Warrants 1 through 9. Dercoli seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

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| 1. Payroll: | \$12,474.60 |
| 2. Payroll Tax: | \$65,737.15 |

3. General Fund:	\$10,586.89
4. Highway:	\$15,326.66
8. Highway Equipment:	\$4,269.29
TOTAL WARRANTS:	\$48,394.59

Reports:

1. Highway: The town has applied for and received a small equipment grant per Act 64. This allows us to purchase a hydroseeder.

2. Treasurer: Lake reports on the Town accounts;

Municipal Investment Fund: \$607,372.08

Checking Account: \$30,000.00

3. Town Clerk: No report

4. Chair: No report

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Town Meeting: Lake reports that the VT State legislature has passed a bill to give towns the option to no conduct an in-person town meeting due to CoVid. Lake recommends doing Town Meeting like we did last year given the Covid rates in VT and Windham County. Wright states that he did not like Australian ballot and not having an in-person Town Meeting. Frisk states that he is in favor of holding an Australian ballot for one more year. David Liebow states that given the current rates of infection he thinks it makes to move to an Australian ballot. Dercoli makes a motion to hold a town informational meeting via zoom and live streaming and to conduct an Australian ballot vote. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-1-0.

10. **Executive Session:** Dercoli makes a motion to move to executive session. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0. Lake states were will be nothing to report coming out of executive session so the meeting will be adjourned when we move to executive session. Meeting is moved to executive session at 6:15pm.

11. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022

12. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.