



TOWN OF TOWNSHEND

Selectboard

PO Box 121 Townshend, Vermont 05353

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022 6:00 PM

Townshend Town Hall

Approved: 10/25/22

Present: Sherwood Lake, Rob Wright, Steve Frisk, Katie Marrow, Rob Swiger (via ZOOM)

In Attendance: Galen Robinson - BCTV, Connie Holt - SB Assistant

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Lake calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Frisk makes a motion to approve the September 27, 2022 Selectboard meeting minutes. Wright seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0
3. **Additions and Deletions:** Lake gives the addition to the agenda.
 1. New Business (9.2): West River Valley Assisted Living Partnership request.
4. **Members of the Public:**
 1. **SeVeds and Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation:** Kristy Betit from SeVeds gives a report and makes a request. Betit describes that SeVeds contracts with BDCC to carry out its priorities. Betit is with BDCC's Pipelines and Pathway program. It is a career awareness and preparedness program in the schools. Seveds also runs a business resiliency program, which counsels businesses at all stages. Seveds also runs the Welcoming Communities which has successfully settled 90 Afghan families. They also run a Community Facilities and Technical Assistance Program which is designed to help with project development and management. Seveds also supported 8 Townshend businesses to get the federal PPP loans during COVID.

Betit reports that the Pipeline and Pathways Program has been in operation for about 5 years. The goal of the program is to connect young people with career opportunities here in their region. The Program works with Leland and Grey to prepare and connect the students with jobs. On October 20, 2022 a Reality Fair will be held at Leland and Grey with about 250 kids participating.

BDCC is requesting funding at \$3.00 per Townshend residents. This year we are asking that Townshend fund BDCC at \$3,696.00 to support SeVeds efforts. Lake responds that funding requests go through the Social Services Committee. Once that committee is convened Connie will pass the funding requests to the committee.

2. **Eugene Bills from Wardsboro, VT** comes before the board to make a formal complaint against Selectboard member Rob Wright for improper jesters. Wright clarifies he flipped the bird to Jay not Eugene. Lake states that the Board has no authority to police its members. This is a personal issue. Bills agrees that the Board does not police, but it can highly suggest the board member resigns. Lakes comments that that is not going to happen. He states that personal issues are to be dealt with somewhere else. This meeting is for the business of the town.

3. **Laura Sibilia from BDCC** requests a letter of support. Lake says that they will put it on the agenda for the next Selectboard meeting.

5. **Correspondence:** None

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

1. Payroll:	\$11,194.95
2. Payroll Taxes:	\$4,738.02
3. General Fund:	\$64,375.18
4. General Fund:	\$200.23
5. Highway:	\$201.15
6. Highway Equipment:	\$6,395.16
Total:	\$87,104.69

7. **Reports:**

1. **Highway:** Frisk gives the report. He states that as the season wraps up the town crew is doing grading and ditch work per Act 64. We are ditching on Billy Smith Road. Leaf blowing has started and will continue through the rest of the week. The fountain on the Commons will remain on for the weekend.

2. **Treasurer:** Lake gives the report. The General Fund true balance is \$834,000, the bank statement reports \$1,367,092.54 in the municipal investment account and \$30,000.00 in the checking account.

3. **Town Clerk:** Lake reports that the Town Clerk has taken in \$1,679.50 in fees and services.

4. **Chair:** Lake resorts that the State Library Board met today over the renaming of Negro Brook. They unanimously approved the petition thereby changing the name to Huzzy Brook. The federal process may take up to a year to have it reflected but the name has been changed as of today.

8. **Old Business:** None

9. **New Business:**

1. **Opening Bids for Bridge 37 repair:** Frisk opens the one bid for repairing Bridge 37. AS Clark's bid is for \$12,500.00. Wright makes a motion to accept AS Clark's bid of \$12,500.00 to repair bridge 37. Marrow seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

2. **West River Valley Assisted Living Partnership request:** Lake suggests that the issue is held in order to do some research.

10. **Executive Session:** Personnel Issue VSA 313(B). Lake states that there will be no report coming out of the executive session.

11. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, October 25, 2022

12. **Adjournment:** Lake makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0. Meeting is adjourned at 6:18pm.