



TOWN OF TOWNSHEND

Selectboard

PO Box 121 Townshend, Vermont 05353

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2022 6:00 PM

Townshend Town Hall

Approved: 12/13/22

Present: Sherwood Lake, Steven Frisk, Rob Wright, Katie Marrow, Rob Swiger

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

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Lake called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Wright makes a motion to approve the November 8, 2022 Selectboard meeting minutes. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.
3. **Additions and Deletions:** Lake announces the following addition to the agenda; Correspondence (5d): Holiday of Horses Parade
4. **Members of the Public:**
 1. Irv Stowell appears in front of the Board with concerns about the condition of some roads in Townshend. Stowell brings to the attention of the Board that the 3rd bridge on West Hill Road is in poor condition. He says that the blacktop is broken up and water is going to get in. He also raises that there is a hole in Dam Road that needs repair. Stowell reminded the Board that the solid waste fee is increasing over \$800.00. The last issue Stowell speaks to is the gravel pit gate. He states that the gate needs to be put back up on top of the road. Lake and Frisk acknowledge Stowell's concerns and state that they will look into them.
 2. Albert Litchfield appears before the Board to raise his concern about the traffic situation in West Townshend. Lake states that the Selectboard have sent a permit request for radar speed signs for West Townshend. Litchfield says that they need to be ticketed using a surveillance camera. Lake states that surveillance cameras are not legal in Vermont. Litchfield points out that he is coming to the Board to do something about it. He says that every time he calls the Sheriff, the State Police, or the DOT, they tell him to talk to the Selectboard. Lake states that those agencies provide no services or recourse to Townshend. Litchfield says that he called two businesses about their drivers speed. He says that he can hear them at night going 70 miles per hour. Swiger adds that some states allow citizens to do their own traffic studies. Lake adds that the radar speed signs provide the town data that we can take to the state to demonstrate the speeding problem.

5. **Correspondence:**

a. Email from Nader Hashim: Lake informs the Board that newly elected state senator Hashim has requested to come to a meeting to hear the concerns of the town. The board decides to accept his invitation. Lake instructs Holt to contact Senator Hashim.

b. Notice from Rescue Inc.: Lake directs the Board's attention to the notice of Rescue Inc.'s annual meeting in January. Lake plans to attend the meeting and invites other Selectboard members to attend.

c. Invitation notice from Vermont Trails and Greenways Council (VTGC): Lake directs the attention of the Board to a notice from the VT Trails and Greenways who will be holding their Fall meeting via ZOOM on December 14th from 2 - 4pm.

d. Holiday of Horses Parade: Lake announces that the Holiday Horse Parade will be held this year on December 4th at 1:00pm. Wright makes a motion to allow the Horse Parade to take place on 12/4/22 starting at Valley Cares on Rt35, down around the common, and back up to Valley Cares. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

6. **Warrants:** Wright makes a motion to pay Warrants 1 - 9.

1. Payroll:	\$11,303.61
2. Payroll Taxes:	\$4,727.25
3. Revised Payroll:	\$1,537.36
4. General Fund:	\$7,713.00
5. Highway:	\$9,944.22
6. Highway Equipment:	\$3,372.31
7. Library:	\$1,278.77
8. Payroll/Stipends:	\$2,833.87
9. Revised Payroll/Stipends:	\$1,513.68
TOTAL:	\$44,224.07

Marrow seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0

7. **Reports:**

1. **Highway:** Frisk reports that Basin Brothers are currently doing jaw crushing in the town pit. The two recent storms have been test storms and everything is up an running.

2. **Treasurer:** Lake gives the Treasurer's report. The true balance of the fund is \$1,473,897. The increase is because of taxes being collected. The Bank statement shows \$2,031,032.17 and \$30,000.00 in the checking account.

3. **Town Clerk:** Lake gives the Town Clerk's report. The Town Clerk has taken in \$1,625.90 in fees and services.

4. **Chair:** no report

8. **Old Business:** Lake announces that budget discussions of the Selectboard proposed budget are taking place and the Board members are invited to attend.

9. **New Business:**

a. Appointment of Barbara Guerrero to the Social Services Committee: Lake informs the Board that the head of the Social Services Committee will not be able to do fulfill that role this year. They have asked Barbara Guerrero to join the committee to help with the role. Wright makes a motion to appoint Barbara Guerrero to the Social Services Committee for the rest of the budget year. Swiger seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

10. **Executive Session:** none

11. **Adjournment:** Wright makes a motion to adjourn. Swiger seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0. The meeting is adjourned at 6:22pm.

11. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022