

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting
Minutes of 10/19/21
Unapproved

Board members present: Nancy Boss, Eric Cota, Koran Cousino
Unable to attend: John Painter, Carin McCarthy
Others present: Rebecca Elder, David Allen, Tony Porter, Robert Turner, Mark Kingsley

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Koran Cousino.

Changes or Additions

- FEMA flood map email
- Fire Safety

Visitor's Business

David Allen: Came to follow up on the maple sap collection lease for the town garage property. The town will update the lease per the recommendations from VT Land Trust and both parties will sign.

Road Foreman's Report

Tony added more large stone to Ben Roberts Road to help prevent further washout over the winter until the culvert can be replaced in 2022. FEMA requires the 100-year flood test and a squash metal culvert is needed. Town should not be responsible for engineering time spent on the first proposal that did not meet the standards.

Nancy will followup with Otter Creek about billing questions.

Board discussed increased the line item for stone/outside aggregate to support projects planned for spring.

Ireland Rd – Power lines haven't been moved yet.

Big Hollow Rd – Repairing the area in front of Fleming to address mud and rutting.

New road crew employee started yesterday. Pre-employment paperwork is completed.

Budget discussion

The board began budget planning with broad discussion, larger items that need planning including the next truck replacement. Deposits are usually placed early to get in line since production and delivery takes a year.

Mark is looking at surplus/deficit data, consolidating items per past board feedback and safe input, and looking at improvements based on the audit.

The town will wait one year and conduct an audit next year (2022).

Action Items:

Motion: Nancy Boss made a motion to approve the warrants for bills, orders, and payroll as presented. Eric Cota second. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Motion: Nancy Boss moved to approve the minutes of 9/7, 9/21, 9/28 and 10/5 as presented. Eric Cota second. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Motion: Eric Cota made a motion to approve payment to the Dept. of Public Service Fire Safety for the permit for the Jerusalem Schoolhouse roof repair and authorize Koran Cousino to sign. Nancy Boss second. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Town Green Pavillion Project

The site has been prepared and volunteers Dale and Donna Norton are constructing a stone wall to support the back side of the area. The planning group is discussing the structural design, which will start in the spring. Electricity and water lines will be upgraded to support the future uses.

VLCT question: How is a town protected when volunteers work on a community project? Is a blanket waiver needed?

Mail Review

FEMA flood map meeting – Koran will ask a member of the PC to attend. The town has 30 days to supply feedback post meeting.

Meetinghouse – Town received a request for storage space for Meetinghouse yard sale items that aren't sold at the fall sale. The board would like to discuss at the next meeting and needs more detail about length of time for storage needed, amount of space, and some options.

Regional Emergency Management Committee has been formed. Quarterly meetings will start in November. Board will confirm that the Town's Emergency Manager Charlene Phelps will attend.

EV Charging Station rates – Eric wants to know how much is being charged for a car to be plugged in per hour. GMP recently increased rates and the board wants to ensure costs are being covered. Rebecca will email Jeff Dunham and Chargepoint.

Motion: Nancy Boss moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Eric Cota second.

Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Elder, SB Assistant