

Starksboro Selectboard meeting

October 3, 2023

Unapproved

Present: Koran Cousino, Eric Cota, Carin McCarthy, John Painter

Others: Rebecca Elder, Josh Martell, Amy McCormick, Nancy Boss, Luke McCarthy, Susan Klaiber

Koran Cousino called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Road Foreman’s Report

- FY24 Grants in Aid - \$61,000 received for FY24 for Jerusalem Bridges - we have a 10% match. Stream specialist has visited the site. Josh will confirm permitting needs with Jim Cota.
- FEMA Brown Hill bridge project – Josh visits site regularly and has met with on-site engineers. Project completion expected by end of October. Josh spoke with OCE about using town's supply for material, which can be applied to the 10% town match.
- Lewis Creek/Ireland road area – Area by Peggy Adams property was protected by berm; the town is not responsible for stream bank flooding. ACRPC and Army Corp of Engineers are potential resources for funds to address ongoing issues.
- Road crew is finishing summer projects and preparing for winter/plowing season.

Motion: Eric Cota made a motion to purchase a replacement towing trailer not to exceed \$43,500 with delivery. John Painter second. Motion approved unanimously.

ARPA Funding discussion

The board completed their final discussion regarding distribution of ARPA funds. The following motions were made:

Motion: John Painter made a motion to award ARPA funds as follows. Carin McCarthy second. **Motion approved unanimously.**

\$16,500	Pavilion roof
\$177,200	Jerusalem Schoolhouse & Fire Station proposal #3
\$85,000	Starksboro Village Water co-op

Motion: Eric Cota made a motion to award ARPA funds as follows. Carin McCarthy second. **Motion approved unanimously.**

\$50,000	Starksboro Coop Preschool/Starksboro Village Meetinghouse
\$45,966	Library and HVAC renovation
\$8,000	Project READ

All ARPA funds have been awarded. Rebecca will inform the applicants of the awards. Nancy and Rebecca are setting up accounting systems for the funds. Rebecca will meet with those who received awards to review the process for expenditures and information required for reporting.

Winter parking ban

The proposed winter parking ban will limit winter parking between Nov. 1 and May 15 each year. The ordinance would allow for warnings to be given and tickets issued for subsequent violations in the same year. The full text of the ordinance is available on the town website, will be published in the Addison

Independent, and will be posted at 5 locations in town. The public has a right to petition. If there is no petition, the ordinance will go into effect 60 days from the date of adoption.

Motion: Eric Cota made a motion to approve the Winter Parking Ban Ordinance. John Painter second.
Motion approved unanimously.

Town Pavilion roof

Three bids were received and reviewed by the board. Discussion about materials, installation process, and costs.

Motion: John Painter made a motion to approve the proposal from Trent Roleau for underlayment not to exceed \$8300 and the proposal from Galen Helms not to exceed \$9350 to install a standing seam roof. Eric Cota second. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Town Administration Updates

VLCT Town Fair – The annual 2-day event was held in South Burlington. Nancy, Rebecca, and Carin attended workshops and presentations on finance, safety and security, first amendment rights, and utilizing town websites to attract investors and visitors and to build community.

Selectboard Roundtable

- Jerusalem School event – 30-40 attended. There was live music and community activities.
- Carin mentioned an idea presented at the VLCT Town Fair. The Northern Forest Center (NFC) is making investments in communities. They work with an investment bank and look for projects in communities that are heavily forested and have opportunities for increasing recreation and economic opportunities.
- Discussion about community-wide events that could be part of Starksboro's annual schedule including: a tour of local gardens; town wide yard sale (coordinate with Lincoln); sugaring events.

Warrants

Motion: Eric Cota made a motion to approve the warrants for A/P and payroll as presented. John Painter second. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Motion: Eric Cota made a motion to approve the VLCT Pacif town insurance application for 2024. Carin McCarthy second. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Motion to adjourn: Eric Cota moved, John Painter seconded at 7:50 p.m. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Elder
Town Administrator