

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting
Minutes of 11/16/21
Unapproved

Board members present: Nancy Boss, Eric Cota, Koran Cousino, John Painter, Carin McCarthy
Others present: Rebecca Elder, Robert Turner, Mark Kingsley, Tony Porter, Amy McCormick, Erin Warnock, Christie Sumner

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

Changes or Additions

- Maple lease signature needed
- Grant letter for LHMP update
- Annual appropriation for Lewis Creek Assoc.

Visitor's Business

none

Road Foreman's Report

- We have a projected bid from Otter Creek Engineering (OCE) on the Ben Roberts Rd project. Order time may be an issue for the pre-cast bridge. Project will be put out to bid in January.
- Better Back Roads – Tony met with RPC rep. Town must cover guard rails, which have been on the list for section from bridge to Frank Orvis.
- RPC grant for next year will be for Quaker Street.
- Paving for the PO parking lot is first priority on the list for spring projects.

Budget discussion

Road Reserve: Discussion about large expense items (grader, truck). Note that the 2011 tandem was kept and is not listed in equipment. Carin asked if the projections account for supply chain delays (it already takes more than a year to build the trucks). Estimated prices are high and are based on 4% rate. There is the option to hire out the mowing to a neighboring town for a few years—\$118-120K to buy equipment needed. Tandem 2 will be moved to 22-23. 3% rate is doubling cost over 25 years. 4% is doubling over 18 years. Board will leave appropriation at 4% for now.

IT budget: Rebecca sent VC3 budget and upgrades needed for security features. To be reviewed at next meeting.

Major Maintenance updates:

PO sign has been restored by a good Samaritan. The board expressed thanks for this act of kindness.

Post office building needs work: windows, floor in lobby; an estimate is needed for the floor.

Town clerk's office conference room and zoning office carpet needs to be replaced with flooring tbd.

Quotes needed for wood vs. other options.

Snow removal for town office/library paths: Amy will post a help wanted notice on FPF to see if someone local is available.

Food shelf/old town office: Volunteers have been cleaning up overgrown vegetation around the building. Thank you for this help!

Action Items:

Motion: Eric Cota made a motion to approve the annual disbursement of \$550 to the Lewis Creek Association, which was approved by voters at town meeting. Nancy Boss second.

Motion approved unanimously.

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

Town Green Pavillion Project

Thanks to Dale and Donna Norton who constructed a stone wall to support the back side of the area. Electric line is upgraded. The revised design suggested will cost a total of \$15,000 with \$8000 for materials. Dale offered hemlock for roofing timbers.

Future committee updates:

Fire and EMS Update – invite Cheryl, Charlene, FD reps

Energy Comm Update – February after budget and town report are complete

Motion: Carin McCarthy moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. John Painter second.

Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Elder, SB Assistant