

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting
Minutes of 11/2/21
Unapproved

Board members present: Nancy Boss, Eric Cota, Koran Cousino, John Painter; Carin McCarthy (remote)

Others present: Rebecca Elder, Robert Turner, Mark Kingsley, Herb Olson, Brad Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Koran Cousino.

Changes or Additions

- Review of Liquor license application for new owner of Jerusalem Country Store.

Roads Report

There is a 12/17 deadline for funding to support the grant X

Budget planning

The board continued to review draft budget information. Robert will prepare information about capital expenses and reserve fund projections for the next meeting.

For future budget planning, Carin suggested continuing to look at the possibility of creating sports rec fields at the Parsonage Road site behind Robinson School. The Planning Commission has done some preliminary site evaluation and a basic site plan as a starting point.

Action Items:

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

Motion: John Painter moved to approve the minutes of 11/2/21 as presented. Eric Cota second. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Review of Liquor License application

Motion: John Painter made a motion to approve the application from Distant Thunder LLC dba as Jerusalem Store upon successful transfer of the business. Carin McCarthy second.

Motion approved unanimously.

MAUSD school district updates

Herb Olson and Brad Johnson joined the meeting to offer an update on the discussions at the full MAUSD board meeting and the merger study committee. There is an important public forum being held on Nov. 16 at 6:30 pm. Brad described information from the recent transportation study presentation. There could be bus rides of up to a max. of 68 minutes for those living in the farthest parts of Starksboro and Lincoln. April 4 there will be a decision from the study committee.

Grant review application

The Starksboro Local Hazards Management Plan is up for revision and review in 2022. There are grant funds available to support the process with a local match required. A commitment letter is needed. The estimated total cost is \$11,150 with a local match of roughly \$2800.

Motion: Nancy Boss made a motion to sign the matching commitment letter for the Local Hazards Mitigation Plan development with costs not to exceed the required match amount.

Discussion: A consultant will be needed – contact regional planning about their capacity to support the process or a list of consultants.

Motion approved unanimously.

Mail Review

Grant opportunities are available for community water systems.

EV Charging Station rates

Jeff Dunham provided information about current structure of the price users pay for use of the EV station. The Selectboard's assessment is there are savings that exist that are being passed on to the electric car owners. The amount is small so no further action at this time.

Motion: John Painter moved to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Eric Cota second.

Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Elder, SB Assistant