

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting

Dec. 18, 2024

Unapproved

Board members present: Koran Cousino, Carin McCarthy, David Schmidt, John Painter, Eric Cota

Others present: Amy McCormick, Amanda Vincent, Nancy Boss, Josh Martell, Robert Turner

Koran Cousino called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. at the Starksboro Town Clerk's office.

Review agenda: Amanda Vincent removed Addison County Regional Planning Commission and Item #6 - Jerusalem Rd Water from the agenda.

Public comment: None.

Road Report:

Josh Martell reported the road crew has started plowing. Josh mentioned that two culverts need to be upsized, one on States Prison Hollow and one on Dan Sargent Rd. Josh Martell is aware of the guardrails on Russell Young Rd and Dan Sargent Rd and will keep them on his radar. The Town Garage heat pump is currently broken, and they could use more heat.

Action: Nancy Boss will call for quotes on the one-to-one heat pumps per the Energy Committee's recommendation.

Budget:

Amanda Vincent presented the Selectboard with the budget spreadsheet. Budget discussion ensued.

Current Business:

The Selectboard regrettably accepts Nancy Boss's resignation. Nancy Boss has offered to stay on to do payroll and A/P once per week until the Selectboard hires someone.

Action: Amy McCormick will follow up with a few leads on shoveling. If she can't find anyone, Amanda or Amy will post to FPF. John Painter is willing to help in the meantime.

Motion: Eric Cota made a motion to accept the amended ARPA Resolution to expend funds in an amount up to \$241,071.11 instead of \$243,542.90. John Painter seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: John Painter motioned to enter into bulk time agreement with NEMRC. Seconded by Eric Cota. Motion approved unanimously.

Action: Nancy Boss will call NEMRC to get the bulk time agreement in place.

Motion: John Painter made a motion to appoint Amy McCormick to the Vermont State Ethics Commission. Seconded by David Schmidt. Motion approved unanimously.

Action: Amanda Vincent will reach out to let the Ethics Commission to let them know Amy McCormick is appointed.

Amanda Vincent shared that the Recovery Scoping Meeting was Thursday, December 12th. All damage needs to be reported by February 10th, 2025.

Action: Amanda Vincent and Josh Martell will investigate FEMA Hazard Mitigation for guardrails for 1500 Ireland Rd and a culvert on Dan Sargent Rd. Amanda Vincent will check on timeline for Hazard Mitigation & when work needs to be done by.

Motion: Eric Cota motioned to approve the driveway permit for Mellissa O'Bryan pending a conversation with Josh and giving Eric Cota permission to sign the permit after the conversation. John Painter seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: Carin McCarthy motioned to appoint Cecilia Elwert to the Cemetery Commission. David Schmidt seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Jerusalem Schoolhouse & Fire Station:

The USDA offers a Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program that could be used to fund the Jerusalem Schoolhouse and Fire Station project. They are currently offering a 3.875% interest rate, and their application due date is January 17th. The Town will connect with the Jerusalem Schoolhouse Committee to see what they were quoted to get a better understanding of the loan amount that would need to be applied for, as well as the amount needed for the warning.

Motion: Eric Cota moved to approve the warrants for A/P and payroll. Seconded by David Schmidt. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: Carin McCarthy moved to approve the minutes for 12/03 with the noted adjustments. Seconded by David Schmidt. Motion approved unanimously.

Koran received a note from Dan Kuzio that the LEMP process is changing. Dan Kuzio is interested in being the EMD for the Town of Starksboro.

Motion: Carin McCarthy motioned to entered executive session with Amy McCormick and Amanda Vincent. John Painter seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

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Motion: X moved to adjourn. Second by X. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator

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