

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes of 8/2/22  
Unapproved

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**Board members present:** Nancy Boss, Eric Cota, John Painter, Carin McCarthy  
**Unable to attend:** Koran Cousino  
**Others present:** Rebecca Elder

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The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Vice Chair John Painter at the Town Clerk's office and via Zoom.

**Addition/changes:**  
None

**Visitor's Business:**

Nick and Helen Bissonnette came to speak to the board about an ongoing situation with a neighbor on Jerusalem Road. They had been in conversation with the town since 2019 when the DRB approved a conditional use permit for Nick's firewood business. Complaints from one neighbor, the Coopers, have continued and the Bissonnettes asked the town if there was an open complaint and how to reach resolution, so they do not feel harassed. The board stated that the town had done due diligence in researching the complaint received and no violation was found.

**Road Foreman's Report**

- Ben Roberts culvert project – The posting for bids for the FEMA project will appear next week. Otter Creek engineering is coordinating the bid process.
- Road crew uniforms – Josh went ahead and ordered 5 tshirts, 2 sweatshirts, and 2 workshirts for each employee. They will purchase pants from Agway on the town account per the town policy (to be finalized). Policy to allow \$850 per person to include OSHA-approved boots, work pants, and a work coat as needed not to exceed annual limit. Policy to be finalized and approved for the record.
- Sam Stokes Road – Culvert est. \$6000 to replace old steel; "No Outlet" signs have been ordered.

**Town Green Pavillion**

- Carin noted that there is an old sugar maple behind the preschool fenced area that is dead and a potential hazard for falling limbs, etc. Discussion of whose property the tree sits on – Carin will follow up with neighbors to see if they are okay with tree being removed.
- Quotes for pouring the concrete pad have been received. One is \$5600, which was a very good price, and could be done soon.

**Review of Warrants**

Motion: Eric Cota moved to approve the warrants for bills, orders, and payroll as presented. Nancy Boss second. Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

**Minutes Review**

Motion: Nancy Boss moved to approve the minutes of 7/19/22 with one correction. Eric Cota second. Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

**Selectboard Roundtable**

Discussion of the personnel policy has been slower than hoped. The group agreed to hold a special meeting to focus on the policy revisions on August 23 and another special meeting on Sept 13 to focus on developing the Town Administrator job description and plan for hiring.

Rooted Vermont event – Eric and others raised some safety concerns. Though the policy were hired to monitor the intersection from Ireland Road onto Rte. 116, bikers still did not stop before entering 116. Were instructions given to the officer about what was needed? No signage on south 116 warned drivers of the bikers ahead. Need clarity of communication with Rooted VT. Eric will follow up.

Reminder there is a Save Our Schools informational meeting on Sunday at 7pm.

**Motion:** Eric Cota moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. John Painter second.

**Vote:** Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Elder  
SB Assistant