

**Town of Bridport
Selectboard Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2020 6PM
Virtual Meeting**

Selectboard Members Present: Tim Howlett (Chair), David Bronson, Joan Huestis, Jessica Stocker, Bob Sunderland

Also Present: Katie King (Treasurer), Julie Howlett (Town Clerk), Dusty Huestis (Road Foreman), Suzanne Buck (Lister), JoAnne Kenyon, Cheryl Connor, Charlie Bain

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Howlett at 6:02 PM

Public Comment: JoAnne Kenyon spoke to the Selectboard about the letter she wrote to them resigning from the Planning Commission and her request to be appointed an Auditor. Her resignation from the Planning Commission was not on the agenda, it will be put on the next agenda. Cheryl Connor is concerned with the Town Office being closed that her lawyer can not to a title search to sell her property. It was explained that we are complying with the Governor's stay-at-home policy and following the guidelines from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. According to the ACCD tile research is non-essential.

Secretary's Report: No Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report: Currently we have a balance of \$62,716.05 in the checkbook. We will need to take out a tax anticipation loan to get us through until tax money starts coming in.

DPW Report:

DPW Garage Report: Dusty will talk to Keith Betourney about finishing the ridge cap.

Road Report: The DPW has been grading roads, spreading chloride and hauling sand for Shoreham.

Culver Report:

Basin Harbor Road Report: Brent said we could continue with the right of way but after that we will need to revisit the project to see if we can continue during the State of Emergency.

Rattlin Bridge Road Report: We have received bills from Otter Creek for the preliminary design and mapping.

Mountain Road Culvert: We have received bills from Otter Creek for the preliminary design and mapping.

Lake Street Culvert: Work in progress

New Business:

Catholic Church use of Masonic/Community Hall bathroom: The St. Bernedette's Catholic Church does not have a bathroom and the new Father would like a bathroom put in. The Catholic Church would like a key to the Community Hall and would pay a stipend to use the bathroom. After much discussion the Selectboard denied the request.

Putting NEMRC in the Cloud: The Listers would like to put there NEMRC program information in cloud so that the Assessor's from NEMRC will have access to the information remotely and be able to work on our tax assessments. Julie will find out if we have a contract with NEMRC for an Assessor and Suzanne will talk with Chris from NEMRC and provide a contract for the cloud to the Selectboard so they can make a better decision.

Tax Anticipation Loan: Joan made the motion to submit the tax anticipation loan to the National Bank of Middlebury. Jessica seconded, motion passed.

Grant Anticipation Loan: A Grant Anticipation Loan is not needed at this time.

One Ton Truck Loan: David made the motion to apply for a truck loan for \$45,000.00 to be paid over the next three years from the National Bank of Middlebury; Joan seconded. Joan moved to amend the motion to include 2019 Chevy 3500 HD. Bob seconded; amendment passed. Motion as amended passed.

Appointment of Auditor: Joan made the motion to appoint JoAnne Kenyon as an auditor for the term of one year. Jessica seconded, motion passed.

BCA Resignation of Linda Barrett: Jessica made the motion to accept Linda Barrett's letter of resignation as Justice of the Peace and from the BCA, Tim will write a letter of thanks. Bob seconded, motion passed.

Old Business:

Office Reopen Date: Joan made the motion to reopen the office on Monday, May 18, 2020. Jessica seconded, motion passed

Appoint Town Officials: David made the motion to appoint Irene Zaccor as Town Agent. Jessica seconded, motion passed. Joan made the motion to appoint Ed Payne as Solid Waste District Rep., Andrew Manning as Solid Waste District Waste Alt. Rep., Ed Payne and Andrew Manning as Regional Planning Rep. with Steve Decarlo and Mark Pumiglia as Alt. Reps. Jessica seconded, motion passed.

LEMP: Joan moved to approve the LEMP paperwork as presented and send it to the Regional Planning Commission. Bob seconded, motion passed.

Executive Session: No Executive Session

Adjourn: Jessica made the motion to adjourn. Joan seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm