

**Bridport Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, May 10, 2021**  
**Masonic/Community Hall 6pm**



PRESENT: Tim Howlett, David Bronson, Bob Sunderland, Steve Huestis, Joan Huestis Also Present: Julie Howlett (Town Clerk), Kathleen King (Town Treasurer), Dusty Huestis (Road Foreman), Steve Huffaker, H. Kent Wright, Ed Payne, Rosemary Payne, Steve Decarlo, Donny Wall, Russell Buck

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair, Tim Howlett

**Public Comment:** Maple Broadband Chair, Steve Huffaker made a presentation to the Selectboard and asked the Town to consider giving them \$150,000.00 from our ARPA money.

The Mason asked for more keys to the Masonic/Community Hall, the Selectboard and Masons agreed on four keys. The Masons presented the Town with a \$100 check to help with the expense of the up keep of the building. Ed Payne asked how the new maps were coming along and said he is available to help.

**Secretary's Report:** Joan made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Selectboard meeting. Steve seconded, motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:**

**Bills to be paid:** Steve made the motion to approve \$103,536.74 in bills to be paid. Joan seconded, motion passed.

**DPW: Operations & Finance:**

**Reclaiming Bid:** David made the motion to hire Allstate for \$24,742.00 to grind Middle Road from Rutter's old farm moving west to the big culvert before the top of hill. Bob seconded, motion passed.

**Culvert Repairs:** Steve made the motion to hire Parent Construction Company to fix the culverts on Crown Point Road west of Buck's and Lake Street south of Rickert's for \$34,550.00 this includes materials but pavement is not included. Joan seconded, motion passed.

**Culvert & Bridge Report:**

**Lake Street Culvert:** nothing to report

**Basin Harbor Road Culvert:** David made the motion, DeBisschop Excavating LLC has submitted a total base bid of \$328,190.00 to do the Basin Harbor Road Culvert improvements for the Bridport STP MM 18 (6) Project. Subject to the Vermont Agency of Transportation's approval to hire it to do the work: that the Town request the National Bank of Middlebury to give the Town a Grant Anticipation Loan of \$321,500.00; and that the Town enter into a contract for DeBisschop Excavating, LLC to do this work. Joan seconded, motion passed.

**Rattlin Bridge Road:** Waiting on mitigation review.

**Middle Road Bridge:** Waiting to hear on this grant.

**Middle Road Culverts:** Have not heard back from Andy Desforges

**Financing of projects:**

**New Business**

**Report of Unregistered dogs:** Julie gave the Selectboard the report of unregistered dogs in town that is due by May 30 per state statute. Until the state of emergency is lifted fines have been suspended. Tim signed the report for the board.

**Policy of Substance Abuse:** Tim, Bob and Julie will form a committee and bring a recommendation to the board.

**Follow up on town green incident:** Tim has tried to contact Corporal Busby but has not heard back from him

**Barrows Park:** David Basque cleaned up the brush at Barrows Park. Dusty urged everyone to take a ride and look at the rink to get ideas on how it can be fixed.

**Landfill:** Several people have been illegally dumping at the stump dump and the landfill. Julie will call the sheriff.

**Office Policy:** Julie will look into office policy & procedure.

#### **Old Business:**

**Zoning fees:** Steve made the motion to accept the Zoning Administrators Proposal of fines for violations going back two years from the July 1, 2021 start date. 3 ayes, 0- nay, David & Joan Abstain.

**Appointment of Officers:** Joan made the motion to appoint Ed Payne as Regional Planning Representative and Solid Waste Representative, Andy Manning as Regional Planning Representative and Solid Waste Alternate, Eric Warren to the Planning Commission until 2023 and Michelle Warren as Auditor for 1 year. Steve seconded, motion passed.

**Town Wide Reappraisal:** Julie will ask NEMRC for a quote and try to come up with a proposal.

**Other Business:** Steve requested that it be noted in the minutes that the Town did the prep work and St. Bernadette's Church paid for the paving of the parking lot.

**Executive session:** No executive session

**Adjourn:** Joan made the motion to adjourn. Steve seconded, motion passed. Adjourn at 8:49.

Respectfully Submitted,