

Bridport Selectboard Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2021
Town Office 6:00pm



Selectboard Present: Tim Howlett (Chair), David Bronson, Steve Huestis, Bob Sunderland, Joan Huestis

Also Present: Julie Howlett (Town Clerk), Katie King (Town Treasurer), Dusty Huestis (Road Foreman), Toni Mikula (VT Fish and Wildlife), Earl Audet

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

Public Comment: Toni Mikula from VT Fish & Wildlife spoke about purchasing 322 acres of land from Randy Quesnel to be added to the Lemon Fair Wildlife plan. Steve made a motion to approve the acquisition and sign the letter. Joan seconded, motion passed. Earl Audet asked the Selectboard to reconsider opening Rattlin Bridge Road for one day so Blue Spruce Farm can chop their corn without having to go around. They would have their lawyer draw up a document relieving the Town of liability and police the road. The Selectboard will look into what the Town's insurance company and lawyers have to say.

Secretary's Report: Bob made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Selectboard meeting, Steve seconded, Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob made the motion to pay bills in the amount of \$131,788.22. Joan seconded, Motion passed.

DPW Operation: No report was given on day to day operations.

Culvert & Bridge Report:

Lake Street Culvert: Otter Creek recommends the Town accept the bid from Belden's. David made a motion to enter into a contract with Belden's for the Lake Street Culvert project for \$124,135.00. Bob seconded, motion passed. David made a motion to authorize Tim Howlett as signing agent for the Town when the contract comes in. Joan seconded, motion passed.

Basin Harbor Road Culvert: Progress looks good.

Rattlin Bridge Road: FEMA is waiting for information from ANR.

Middle Road Bridge: This project is on track for April

Middle Road Culvert: Scoping study started.

Financing of Projects: David made a motion to take out a grant anticipation loan at the National Bank of Middlebury for \$60,000.00 for the Lake Street Culvert project. Joan seconded, motion passed. David made a motion to obtain a construction loan from the National Bank of Middlebury for \$200,000.00 payable over 4 years for Rattlin Bridge Road, Lake Street culvert and Middle Road Bridge. Steve seconded, motion passed. Steve made a motion to authorize the Basin Harbor Culvert Committee members to authorize payment of the project. Bob seconded. 4-aye, David abstained, motion passed

New Business:

Errors & Omissions: Bob made a motion to approve errors and omissions on the grand list. Steve seconded, motion passed.

ARPA: Katie & Julie will speak with office designers about reconfiguration of the office.

Map Update: Joan made a motion to enter into a contract with Christine Chamberlain Mapping for \$2700.00 for map updates. Bob seconded, motion passed.

Book Club: Bob made a motion to let the book club reconvene in the DPW conference room. Steve seconded, motion passed.

Old Business:

Unregistered Dogs: Julie will call people on the list to find if they have a dog.

Barrows Park: Joan will get a price on plastic for the skating rink. Steve will talk to Dean about mowing.

Quarterly Auditing: Tabled until next meeting.

Policy Work for Substance Abuse: Tabled until next meeting.

Policies & Procedures for Town Clerk Office: Tabled until next meeting.

Other Business: No other business

Executive Session: Steve made the motion to enter into executive session for personnel. Bob seconded, motion passed. Entered into executive session at 8:27 pm. Exited executive Session at 8:50, no action taken.

Adjourn: Steve made a motion to adjourn. David seconded, motion passed. Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,