

Bridport Selectboard Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2024
Town Office 6:00 pm



Selectboard Present: Tim Howlett (Chair), David Bronson, Bob Sunderland, Drexel Wheeler. Also Present: Julie Howlett (Town Clerk), Katie Shimel (Town Treasurer), Dusty Huestis (Road Foreman), Renee Brodeur (Planning Commission), Dean DeGray, Kristy Whipple

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

Bob made a motion to elect Tim Howlett as chair of the Selectboard. Drexel seconded, motion passed.

Public Comment: Kristy Whipple asked to put a food pantry on town property by the school. All Selectboard members agreed to the plan.

Secretary's Report: Drexel made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Selectboard meeting. Bob seconded, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Bob made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$54,662.74. David seconded, motion passed.

DPW Operations & Finance: Nathan Warren started last week as a full time DPW employee. DPW has been busy grading roads and spreading gravel.

FEMA Bids: Bob made a motion to accept the bid of LR Provencher Earthworks for \$104,500.00. Drexel seconded, motion passed.

New Business:

Dean DeGray: Dean gave the Selectboard his new prices for mowing & weed whacking for the 2024 season.

VLCT PACIF Workers Compensation Audit non- employee Work Agreement: Any non-employee hired by the town must complete a non- employee work agreement and give the town a copy of insurance before they can begin working on a project.

MTAP approval for requesting funds: David made a motion to enter into a MTAP (Municipal Technical Assisdtance Program) scope of work with the Addison County Regional Planning Commission benefiting the Town of Bridport in the amount of \$10,000.00 which will be used solely for the planning of housing, infrastructure, and economic development within Bridport. Bob seconded, Drexel abstained, motion passed. Bob made a motion to enter a MTAP scope of work with the Addison County Regional Planning Commission benefiting the TriTown Water District in the amount of \$75,000.00 to perform engineering services to improve the water services on East Street in the Town of Bridport. David seconded, Drexel Abstained, motion passed.

Old Business:

Town Appointments: Bob made a motion to appoint the following:

Julie Howlett, Town Clerk for one year.

Kathleen Shimel, Town Treasurer for one year.

Michael Wojciechowski, Zoning Administrator for one year.
David Basque, Tree Warden for one year.
Jerry Forbes, Dog Warden for one year.
Barbara Wagner, Health Officer for three years.
Kathleen Shimel, Collector of Delinquent Taxes for one year.
Sharron Macklin, Planning Commission, for four years.
Tim Howlett, FEMA/Civil Defense for one year.
Edward Payne, Solid Waste District Rep. for one year.
Andrew Manning, Solid waste District Alternate Rep. for one year.
Eric Warren, Town Service Officer for one year.
Dusty Huestis & Kathleen Shimel, 911 Coordinator for one year.
Mike Sheets, Addison County Communications Union District for one year.
Rick Scott, Addison County Communication Union District alternate for one year.

Drexel seconded, motion passed.

Community Visit Program: Names for the committee have been submitted. First meeting will be held March 26th.

Requests for Social Services: No discussion.

Office & Hall Roof: No new information to report.

ARPA: The materials for the Pavilion have been delivered.

Other Business: Discussed Town Meeting day & time and mowing.

Executive Session: No Executive session.

Adjourn: Bob made a motion to adjourn. David seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,