

Bridport Selectboard Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2023
Town Office 6:00 pm



Selectboard Present: Tim Howlett (Chair), David Bronson, Drexel Wheeler, Bob Sunderland. Also Present: Julie Howlett (Town Clerk), Katie King (Town Treasurer), Dusty Huestis (Road Foreman), Mike Wojciechowski (Zoning Administrator), Jerry Forbes (Dog Warden), Barbara Mercier

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Howlett at 6:01 pm.

Public Comment: Barbara Mercier was concerned about bears getting into garbage cans left on the side of the road on Market Road. She also has an ongoing complaint about her neighbor's dogs barking. The dogs are unregistered and a fine will be issued for unregistered and nuisance dogs.

Secretary's Report: Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 14 & 19, 2023 Selectboard meeting. Drexel seconded, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Bob made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$214,425.67. Drexel seconded, motion passed. David made a motion to pay \$551,353.97 to the National Bank of Middlebury toward the Rattlin Bridge Road loan. Bob seconded, motion passed.

DPW Operations & Finance:

All roads are now open after the storm. Most of Forrest Road is complete and DPW is still working on Mountain Road. Dusty is waiting to see if FEMA will declare a natural disaster before doing too much work. Estimated damage is \$339,000.00 for Mountain Road, Forrest Road, Townline Road & High Street.

Culvert & Bridge Report:

Rattlin Bridge Road: Waiting for payment reimbursement.

New Business:

Diversity & Inclusion Vermont: The group will attend in October.

Dog Warden: Jerry talked about his frustration with residence wanting immediate attention to calls while Jerry is at work during the day. The meaning of a barking dog being a nuisance was discussed.

Zoning: Mike presented to the Selectboard a revision to the Zoning Regulations to allow campers to be fulltime residential properties if they follow current septic and water laws. Drexel, Mike & David will work on wording for the policy revision.

Anonymous Letter: The Selectboard received an anonymous letter with concerns about a properties usage on Hemeway Road. The letter was discussed and no action was taken for lack of information and proof a violation had accrued.

John Prentice Letter: Tim will write a letter to John.

Old Business:

Fix Price Contract with Fyles: Tim signed the agreement.

Delinquent Tax Policy: David made a motion to adopt new language for the Bridport Delinquent Tax Policy. Bob seconded, motion passed.

Bridport Seniors/Agewell meals: The Bridport Seniors can use the hall for additional meals this winter as long as they occur during the weekdays.

ARPA: The ARPA Committee will meet Tuesday August 22, 2023 at 6pm. Cost of a 24x48 pavilion is estimated to be \$42,978.00.

Municipal Energy Resilience Grant: It has been submitted and waiting to be reviewed by the State.

Other Business: Julie presented an insurance audit conducted by VLCT.

Executive Session: No executive session

Adjourn: Bob made a motion to adjourn. Drexel seconded, motion passed.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,