

TOWN of BRIDPORT
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 9, 2019
Town Office 5:30 pm



PRESENT: Joan Huestis (Chair), David Bronson, Tim Howlett, Mike Lawton, Matt Lawton
Also Present: Irene Zaccor, Julie Howlett, Dusty Huestis, Kate Ingwersen, Paul Miller

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair, Joan Huestis.

Budget 2020: Worked on the DPW 2020 Budget. Employee reviews will be held Thursday, December 12 at 11:30.

Recessed Budget discussion at 6:10 pm and the Selectboard reserved the right to come back to the budget.

Public Comment: Kate Ingwersen and Paul Miller from Middlebury Regional EMS spoke about the increase in funds they are asking from the Town. There is an increase due to paid staff, training, equipment expenses, medical supplies etc.

Secretary's Report: Tim made the motion to accept the minutes from the November 19th, 26th and December 3rd meeting. Joan seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Irene presented \$272,166 in bills to be paid which included the payment of the tax anticipation loan and the DPW Garage loan. Kermit Blaisdell, our contracted Assessor had turned in his keys and is no longer interested in working for the Town of Bridport. Joan made the motion to accept the Treasurers report, Matt seconded. Motion passed.

DPW Report: DPW Garage Roof: Naylor and Breen have not returned our phone calls or emails about the contract for the DPW Garage roof. Joan talked with Duke Gevry, Gevry Builders, about coming to look at the DPW Garage roof. He is interested and he will be in touch in the foreseeable future. **Rattlin Bridge Road:** The State has not made a decision on renting us a bridge. Ashley Bishop from VTRANS said there is a Maybe Bridge that might be available for purchase. The DPW Crew found two broken tables at the Masonic/Community Hall that they are going to weld. They have been very busy with sanding and plowing.

Culvert Report: Basin Harbor Culvert: The draft for the proposed deeds and titles opinions is finished. This is a work in progress.

Old Business: Dog Ordinance and Policies: Joan made the motion to approve the adoption of the Ordinance regulating dogs and wolf-hybrids. Tim seconded, motion passed. Attached is a copy of the Ordinance. A proposed Dog Policy was presented for future consideration.

New Business: Approve Restoration and Preservation Reserve Fund: David made the motion pursuant to Subsection (c) of the Section 1671 of Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 32, approve the creation of a Restoration and Preservation Reserve Fund of \$4.00 per page from the recording fees established in said Section from on and after July 1, 2019. Joan seconded, motion passed.

Ice Forming at the Masonic/Community Hall entrance: The Masonic/ Community Hall needs a gutter over the front door so ice does not form in front of the door. Joan moved to get an estimate from the Gutter Guys. Matt seconded, motion passed.

Close Grand List: Board signed paperwork to close the Grand Lists from 2008-2018.

Other Business: We need a new Assessor, Kermit turned in his keys. We will get a proposal from NEMRC.

Resume Budget discussion at 7:41 pm

Worked on DPW Budget

Executive Session: Went into Executive Session at 8:03pm for personnel issues. Exited executive session at 8:49 pm, no action taken. Next Budget meeting will be on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Adjourn: Matt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded, motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,