

Bridport Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2023
Town Office 6:00 pm



Selectboard Present: Tim Howlett (Chair), David Bronson, Pierre Bordeleau, Bob Sunderland, Drexel Wheeler. **Also Present:** Julie Howlett (Town Clerk), Katie King (Town Treasurer), Dusty Huestis (Road Foreman), Betty Lou Gorton, Will Duane, Bob Harnish, Norman Cohen

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Howlett at 6:02 pm.

Public Comment: Discussed in new business.

Secretary's Report: Pierre made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, November 1 & 8, 2023 Selectboard meetings. Drexel seconded, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Drexel made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$206,537.96. Pierre seconded, motion passed.

DPW Operations & Finance: DPW has been busy mowing roadsides to control snow drifting. They are waiting for salt to come in. FEMA will perform a site visit on November 21, 2023 for 5 roads impacted by the August 3 & 4, 2023 flooding. The Middle Road Culvert 2024 mitigation grant was signed. Health insurance was moved to the budget discussion.

New Business:

Norman Cohen Declaration of Inclusion: Bob Harnish & Norman Cohen have formed a grassroots effort working with community leaders to reinforce the message that Vermont is a welcoming and safe place for all. They would like the Town to sign a Declaration of Inclusion. The Selectboard thought this should be vote on at Town Meeting.

Zoning Fees: Bob made a motion to adopt an increase in zoning fees effective January 1, 2024. Pierre seconded, motion passed.

ZBA Appointments: Pierre made a motion to appoint Steve Brodeur and Denise Corey to the ZBA until 2026 and Al Zaccor until 2027. Drexel seconded, motion passed.

Old Business:

Will Duane from Vermont Fish & Wildlife: Drexel made a motion to approve the purchase of 19 acres in Bridport by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife from Betty Lou Gorton. Pierre seconded, motion passed.

Middlebury Regional EMS Agreement: David talked with Kate Rothwell from Middlebury Regional EMS. The contract they presented the Town in confusing and needs more clarification. The Town will wait to sign the contract until we get more clarity.

Requests for Social Services: Julie will make discussed changes.

Office & Hall Roof: K2Slate Metal Works gave David an oral quote of \$2900.00, David is waiting for a written quote. Rooster Construction gave David a quote of \$4625.05.

ARPA: Discussed the need for more lights around the park.

Budget FY 2024-2025: Added missing numbers to the budget and made corrections.

Personnel: To be discussed in executive session.

Other Business: The BFD Auxiliary will change the pumpkin on the Town Green to a turkey and a snowman. Drexel & Pierre will visit the owner of the white dog on Swinton road and deliver a letter with new terms.

Executive Session: Bob made a motion to go into executive session for personnel. Pierre seconded, motion passed. Entered into Executive Session at 9:04 pm. Exited executive session at 9:24 pm. No action taken.

Adjourn: Pierre made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

