

SELECTBOARD BUDGET MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Those attending: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, R. D. Eno, Skip Bothfeld, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter, Frank Kampf, Jenn Miner, Dave Pike, Robert Johnson, Audrey Anna Meledandri, Joseph Smith, Ian Ackermann; via zoom: Kris Schmitt, Dan Dunham, Brittany Butler

1. Call meeting to order – the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda –A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from October 17 (Budget Meeting) a motion was made by RD and second by Fred, motion carried; a motion was made to approve the October 18, (Regular SB Meeting), 2022 by RD and second by Fred, motion carried.
4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
5. Water/Wastewater
 - a. Other Business – Betty informed the SB about the internet being down at the wastewater plant. Supposedly it was going to be fixed today.
 - b. Water Ordinance Update-Discussion and possible adoption – he added some changes that were made. Fred moved that we accept the draft version of the amended ordinance of the Water Ordinance with a second by Mike. Motion carried. Betty did suggest that it should be gone through to make it consistent with the layout.
6. Recycle Upgrades – discussion and approval – Dunham Builders have given us a quote of \$26, 440. It needs to be done immediately. Because the amount to go out to bid is \$20,000 Mike discussed this with Dan and he is willing to have it paid for over two fiscal years (2022-2023 and 2023-2024). This will be coming out of ARPA funds. Dan would like to have a deposit of \$10,000. Mike is proposing and Dan agreeable to it and accept the offer in FY22 and balance in fiscal year and is coming out of ARPA money. He said that he will start immediately if we are willing to give him a deposit of \$10,000. Mike also wanted to know if this work will impede the recycle center on Saturday. Dan said that it will not. Mike moved that we award the replacing of the roof to Dunham Builders in the amount of \$26,440 split over two fiscal years and that the work would commence immediately with a second by RD. Motion carried. Betty mentioned that we received a quote from AC Electric for the electrical work and lighting that needs to be done at the Recycle Center in the amount of \$9,925.00. Aaron stated that the wiring is in very bad shape and the lighting is very poor. A motion was made by RD with a second by Fred to approve the electrical work done in the amount of \$9,925.00 from the ARPA funds. Motion carried. Dan will also be cutting the trees that are leaning into the building.
7. Town Website – Michelle discussed an audit that was done by Rural Solutions about six months ago. At the present time we pay \$400/year for any work we need to have done to our website. If we redo the website, it will be considerably more. At this point Gary Gulka has his own page on the website. Mike thought it would be good to make it available for different committees to be able to upload their agenda, or other items for their page. Michelle will be getting a price for an entire makeover of our website.
8. Highway
 - a. Update on Site Visits for Driveways – Joseph Smith lives on Blodgett Road currently it is being plowed by 750 ft. and he provides, parking for other residents of the road if they are not able to make it up their drive. Mike reviewed the letter and wanted to clarify that we have made no decision on this, and this process evolves. We are in a fact -finding timeframe. RD wanting to ask Mr. Smith is this about the driveway or the plowing. It is Mr. Smith's understanding that we will classify all of Blodgett Road as Class 4 road. Driveways are not driveways because it was through roads. Dave wants to know why we are reclassifying these roads. The culverts will still be maintained on Class 4 roads. Dave still has not heard the reason why we want to do this. Ian invited Dave to a meeting at 6:30 tomorrow morning with the roadcrew. RD wanted to know how many residents on his road. Dave said there is only 1. Joseph Smith wanted to know about Nichols Ledge. How is that not a driveway. If you are willing to plow Nichols and not Blodgett Road it doesn't make sense. RD – wanted to know how long are stretches of the road. He does not have the answer. We need to have some more information. When we make site visits – how long are the driveways, road, what is the standard. RD stated that he has a 400' driveway and he has to maintain it. If you wish to hear further discussion, please listen to the audio. Each resident that a letter was sent to will have an opportunity to speak on their property at the hearing.

- b. Other business – Christian from Central Vermont Regional Planning did some done research on Old Center Road and in 1957 the SB was going to change .9 miles to be discontinued and then they changed it to point .7. From Danville to the Cemetery, it is a Class 4 road which is .2 miles, and the SB needs to decide to leave it as it is, make it a trail, or discontinue it.
9. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Orders – were signed.
 - b. Employee Deferred Contribution Approval – 401K comes out of the payroll. An employee is interested in adding to their 401K. This will not involve any expense on the Town's part, it will come from the person's paycheck. This program is the same that the State of Vermont uses. The SB would need to agree with this. A motion was made by Fred to approve with a second by Ian. Motion carried.
 - c. Other business – There was no other business.
10. Other Business – There was no other business.
11. Adjourn A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:27 PM.