

Town of Danby
DRAFT Select Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2024
Town Office, Danby, VT 7:00pm
<https://www.danbyvt.org/government-information>
ZOOM MEETING ID: 813 2851 1750

Public Present – D. Stoddard, M. Bushee, T. Porter, R. Porter, L. Jepson

Virtual Present – Sandless, L. Dever, B. Richardson, D.R. White, A. Smith, C. Hardaway, T. Parker, S. White,

- Call to order at 7:00pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
 - Heaton, Abbott, Fuller, Haines, Bender – present
- Procedure for Remote Access and Public Comment Statement
 - Brad Bender
- Motion to set agenda
 - Two additions
 - Appoint emergency Management Committee
 - Request from Currier Memorial School
 - Motion by Haines, Seconded by Fuller
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Motion to adopt minutes of Select Board Meeting of October 10, 2024
 - Motion by Haines, seconded by Abbott
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Public Comment
 - Annette Smith
 - Wondering about Baker Brook Traffic Count
- Regional Marketing Initiative update—Lyle Jepson
 - Appreciates the support from the town
 - On ballot for \$1300 every year
 - Support business community
 - RRMC has numerous job openings
 - Targets areas around the country to market
 - Statistics of people who have moved here through the program
 - 202 since 2021
 - 42 so far in 2024
 - Corporate sponsors help a lot
 - 9th year of the program
 - Received a grant from the state
 - Share with other counties in the state
 - Committee is working on housing
 - Weekend getaway program
 - Offered twice a year
 - 5 Families at a time
 - Gets them in front of people to connect with them
 - Goal to get staff in the area for businesses in need
 - Try to get families here
 - May help with school enrollment
 - Will follow procedure to get on ballot
 - Has the census gone up or down in the area

- The county has not had considerable growth
 - Philosophy to keep out in front of the people to keep interest
 - Continuous marketing
 - What is being done to keep the younger population here
 - Want to try to do something to keep interest in the trades
 - Create relationships between kids and businesses
 - Focus on retention
 - Meet ups to help make connections
 - Follow ups on people
 - Yes and yes they do stay
- Emergency Management Committee
 - Tom Johnson and Shelley Taylor currently hold positions
 - Motion
 - Motion by Haines Seconded by Fuller
 - Motion passes unanimously
- CCB S-10014 Renewal Tier 1 Small Cultivator
 - Existence for at least a year
 - No changes just renewing
 - Has been approved by the state
 - Motion to renew application
 - Motion by Haines Seconded by Heaton
 - Address cannot be publicly shared
 - What can and cannot be shared publicly
 - Is non-disclosure part of mandated protocol
 - It is in the CCB Rules
 - Wondering if it could be disclosed
 - Should confirm with the CCB about location disclosure
 - Poll
 - Heaton – yes
 - Abbott – yes
 - Fuller – yes
 - Haines – yes
 - Bender – yes
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Treasurer's Report - Michelle Bushee
 - Taxes are due tomorrow
 - Discussion about accessibility
 - Treasurer will be here 2pm-7pm on 11/15
 - Other arrangements can be made, please call
 - Tax payment can be in the mail slot
 - Post marked by 11/15
 - About half are posted, there are more that need to be posted
 - Probably closer to three quarters have come in
- Transfer Station Relocation Discussion/Casella Contract: S. Haines
 - Email from Rutland Solid Waste
 - Did a review on current transfer station
 - Signs need to be replaced and updated
 - Working on getting rid of rats, first time it has been an issue
 - Contract is due to expire with Casella
 - 5 year renewal
 - Not sure what the difference in the new contract is from the old contract
 - Noticed recyclables are now costing more

- Concerned that a new agreement may not be made in time with Mt. Tabor before the contract is up
- Should communicate with Casella up front about the potential move before signing the contract
 - Would need to communicate with Mt. Tabor about contract decision if an agreement is made
- Need to continue to move forward with talking with Mt. Tabor
 - They are definitely interested in combining
 - Have to figure out logistics
- Compactors are not efficient
 - Hard to tell capacity
 - Also have to pay rent for compactor
- Road Commissioners Report: T. Fuller Jr.
 - Winter employment P/T drivers
 - Two drivers have applied
 - Robert Halligan
 - Matt Yrsha
 - Both have current CDL, driving experience, currently driving
 - Would start next week and stay on until April 15th
 - 3rd person that could help with all projects
 - Tractor is having some issues
 - Hydraulic temperature is running hot
 - Need to trouble shoot
 - Roads Grants Program (E. Pepin 10/16 email)
 - Culvert on Brook Road was one of the projects
 - Better Back Road Grant
 - Project needed by 11/27 to qualify
 - Short on time to follow up with grant projects
 - Salt Bids (Morton 10/28)
 - Cargil wondering about letter being signed
 - It was voted on
 - Wondering about processing
 - Contract was signed
 - Need to follow up
- Old Business
 - none
- New Business
 - Letter from Currier Memorial School
 - Requesting funding assistance for climbing structure
 - Parents Committee (PCE) is contributing funds
 - \$3,000 from PCE
 - \$7,000 request from Silas Griffith Funds or other available funds
 - \$21,000 in Katherine T. Griffith
 - \$19,338 in Silas Griffith Fund
 - Concern about longevity of school
 - T & G was contacted asking about the future of the school
 - Better answer at next school board meeting 12/3
 - About future of schools
 - There is a lot of current uncertainty
 - Will revisit
 - When to meet again to review budget
 - 12/10 at 6pm

- 12/12 at 6pm
Budget workshop
- Motion to adjourn 8:08pm by Haines, Seconded by Fuller
 - motion passes unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by:

Drea Stoddard
Minute Taker