

Town of Danby  
DRAFT Select Board Meeting Minutes  
May 09, 2024  
Town Office, Danby, VT 7:00pm  
<https://www.danbyvt.org/government-information>  
**ZOOM MEETING ID: 834-6028-2318**

Public Present – D. Stoddard, B. Thompson, T. Porter, D. White, R. Nichols, J. Nichols

Virtual Present – A. Smith, C. Hardaway, T. Parker, D. Garceau, D. White, S. White, K. Dagostino

- Call to order at 7:00pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
  - Abbott, Powers, Fuller, Haines, Bender – present
- Procedure for Remote Access Attendance Statement
  - Beth Thompson
- Motion to set agenda
  - Few additions noted
  - Motion by Haines Seconded by Powers
    - Motion passes unanimously
- Public Comment
  - none
- Motion to adopt minutes of Select Board Meeting of April 11, 2024
  - Motion by Powers, seconded by Haines
    - Motion passes unanimously
- Motion to approve local emergency Management Plan
  - Motion by Fuller Seconded by Haines
    - Motion passes unanimously
- Motion to sign 2023 Grand List – *No Appeals Pending Document* presented by Listers
  - Motion by Haines seconded by Fuller
    - Questioning why it is 2023,
      - All done with it and ready to be filed
    - Motion passed unanimously
- Bridge 7: Motion to Repair or Replace
  - Concern is cost, and how much more it will go up
    - How many bridges can the town afford to repair
    - Would make it safer either way
    - Could more concerns or issues arise when it is being rehabilitated
  - Motion to do a full structure replacement on Bridge 7
    - Motion by Haines Seconded by Abbott
      - Roll call
        - Abbott – yes
        - Powers – yes
        - Fuller – yes
        - Haines - yes
        - Bender - yes
- RRPC updaters on grant opportunity
  - Postponed until June
- Delinquent Tax Collector's Report – Doug White
  - 4 properties to go up for tax sale
    - Is the town on board for these to go to sale
    - Is the town interested in bidding, if there are no bids
      - Has been standard protocol

- Will advise when a date is set
    - Who could be the town representative and back up
  - Motion to go through with tax sale on the 4 properties discussed
    - Motion by Powers Seconded by Haines
      - Motion passes unanimously
  - **Treasurer's Report**
    - Note mandated July 1 increases for various payroll benefits
      - Motion to pay the .44% payroll tax
        - Motion by Powers Seconded by Abbott
          - Abbott, Powers, Fuller, Bender - yes
          - Haines abstained
- **Dump Day June 1, 2024**
  - Finalize Price Schedule (freon disposal increase)
    - Cost the town \$45 to dispose of
    - Motion to approve last year's price structure with the change of freon appliances to \$45
      - Motion to Powers, Seconded by Fuler
        - Motion passes unanimously
- **Allocate ARPA Funds: M. Powers**
  - Has to be spent or under contract by December 31, 2024
    - \$257,809.67
      - Ear mark funds for the 4 corners project?
        - Moving repeater to secondary Fire House
          - Upgraded newer equipment
        - Communications Tower
          - Fire department has some things in motion already
        - Is it possible to do a solid test to confirm the plan is most efficient
        - Abbott can try to get a copy of the foot print the tower would potentially cover
      - Water situation on Depot Street
        - Easiest solution but not a complete fix
          - Potentially paving a swale down to the stop sign
            - Would potentially keep the water going down the road and directing it from pooling
          - Would doing a new drainage line be more beneficial
        - Bigger issues of water table has risen
        - The immediate fix could be pipe repair, but not permanent
        - RRPC grant could potentially help with the plan to look at the big picture of the water situation
        - Powers will get 3 estimates to replace drain pipe
      - If funds were available then potentially the transfer station could be moved as well
        - Need to get some solid figures for potential projects to see what can be accomplished
- **Road Commissioner's Report: T. Fuller, Jr.**
  - Report on current conditions/projects/ Traffic Study
    - Pulling stumps and ditching on Baker Brook
    - All high traffic roads have been graded
    - Beaver problems have come up again – Danby Mountain Rd
      - Culverts getting plugged
    - Traffic study – Haines will be in touch with Patrick at AOT

- **Approve Fleet Permits – Cardinal Logistics, Consolidated Communications, Resource Management Inc., Suncommon, Abbott Construction**
  - **Motion by Fuller Seconded by Powers**
    - **Motion passes unanimously**
- **Sign Letter if Intent 25 Municipal Roads Grant in Aid Program**
  - **Motion to Sign by Haines, Seconded by Powers**
    - **Motion passes unanimously**
- **Old Business**
  - none
- **New Business**
  - none
- **Motion to adjourn 8:01pm pm by Fuller, Seconded by Abbott**
  - **motion passes unanimously**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**  
**Drea Stoddard**  
**Minute Taker**