

Town of Danby
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