

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2023

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Frank Severy, Pat Harvey

Guests Present: Orca Media, Nancy Woolley, Kristen LaPell, Julie Smith, Kelly Kelly, Ryan Palmer, Tony Goupee

Guests Present on Zoom: Orca Media, Troy LaPell, Martha Slater, Scott Burbank (VHB), Jeannette Bair, Jeff Gephart, Doreen Jones, Jason Keener (VHB), Pam & Scott Mitchell

Doon called the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Doon confirmed the open meeting law conformity.

Doon approved the February 27, 2023 selectboard meeting minutes

Review February Treasurer's Report: Pat moved to approve. Frank Seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Appointments: Board approved Doon as the Chair of the selectboard. All new appointments are attached.

Decision to choose County Sheriff's Department: Windsor County Sheriff, Ryan Palmer attended meeting and shared with the board the willingness to meet our needs and work with our budget. Pat asked if he could update the board on a quarterly basis and Sheriff Palmer noted that would not be a problem. Doon moved to approve Windsor County Sheriff's Department to provide services in Rochester. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

Town Opt-In vote for THC Dispensary: Pam and Scott Mitchell requested the board to have a town vote for the opt-in for retail cannabis. The question of conditional use for zoning came up. The board will warn a special Meeting for opt-in retail cannabis. The conditional use will have to go before the planning committee if the opt-in passes. Board would like to warn this special town meeting when the School budget vote happens May 2.

Discussion and questions with the library: Kelly Kelly asked the board for a formal letter to show town's support and commitment to secure the 10% matching funds needed for the grant. They are in the process of completing a needs assessment. The board moved to accept their commitment and to write a formal letter to submit with the needs assessment towards the VT Department of Library's Grant. They also moved to accept the application submitted for contract work on the roofing issues. Jeannette will let the contractor know to stop in and complete all the necessary paperwork with Julie in the office.

17 years of VT 100 on 100 Relay race Saturday, August 12 between 2-5 pm: Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Approve Sherman V Allen (Mac's Market) Second Class Liquor License: Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Approve Sherman V Allen (Mac's Market) Tobacco License: Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

Approve Maple Soul First Class Restaurant/Bar License: Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, approved.

Approve Maple Soul Outside Consumption Permit: Doon moved to approve. Pat seconded. All in favor. So, voted.

West Hill Bridge Discussion: Doon moved to accept and award the bid submitted by ST Onge in the amount of \$1,217,320. Pat seconded. All in favor, so approved.

Highway Update: Frank said the insurance for the plow was only \$1,000 so they will use the backup plow.

Grant Updates: Kristen announced to the board, she had two grant updates. The FY24 Structures Grant for the Howe Brook Culvert Construction was submitted on the 28th. She said there was a form for Doon to sign for the reimbursement for the Howe Brook Culvert Design in the amount of \$3,500.

Frank said he and John will need to sit down and go over the Class 2 grant before April with Rita from Two Rivers. He said with the West Hill Bridge we can apply for an additional \$25,000 from the state in the new fiscal year, when they have more money available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36. Board entered executive session for a real estate matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith