

**TOWN OF DERBY, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**Minutes
August 9, 2021**

Present: Grant Spates, Brian Smith, Steve Gendreau, Brad Shattuck, Karen Chitambar.

Others: Kevin Chickering, Luke Vidic, Joe Profera, Bob Kelley, Ed Barber (remotely).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.

Warrants #16A in the amount of \$24,610.16 and #16B in the amount of \$171,803.80 were signed.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Steve moved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2021, with Brian seconding. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ed Barber asked about the Covid funding being distributed to municipalities. Currently it is unknown how much will be coming from what is earmarked for Counties, but the funds will be going to Towns in Vermont.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin Chickering – Nelson Hill Rd – Mr. Chickering thinks the Town is doing a very good job with the Town roads, but the dust on Nelson Hill Rd has been very bad this year. Steve explained that chloride works best if it is applied after grading and rain. This year has not been very good conditions for applying chloride. Mr. Chickering was wondering if the Town was considering paving Nelson Hill Rd. The Board said they would look at it during budgeting for next year.

Listers – Errors & Omissions – The board reviewed and signed.

Review & Sign – Excess Weight Permits – JBW Excavation, Structures RBR Inc – Steve reviewed and signed both as Road Commissioner.

Review & Sign – Retention Plan Report – The Board reviewed and signed the report.

Review & Sign – Balance Sheet, Budget Status Report, Delinquent Tax Report, General Journal Report – All were reviewed and signed.

Review & Approve – 2021 Tax Rate – The Board reviewed the Tax Rates calculated by the Town Clerk. The Homestead Rate is \$0.0653 lower than last year and the Non-Homestead is \$0.0366 lower than last year:

General Budget Tax Rate	\$0.1637
Road Department Tax Rate	\$0.1907
Cemetery Tax Rate	\$0.0064
Voted Appropriations Tax Rate	\$0.0596
<u>Local Agreement Tax Rate</u>	<u>\$0.0033</u>
Total Town Tax Rate	\$0.4237
School Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.3405
School Non-Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.6212
Total Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.7642
Total Non-Homestead Tax Rate	\$2.0416

Brian moved to approve a Total Homestead Tax Rate of \$1.7642 and a Total Non-Homestead Tax Rate of \$2.0416, seconded by Brad. Unanimous.

TA & ZA Update – DRB/PC: The DRB has 2 permits pending for next week. The PC is continuing to work on subdivision regulations. **Permits:** There have been 91 permits submitted year to date. **Storm Damage – FEMA:** Fenoff will be starting the Dumas Road culvert next

Monday, August 16th. **Grants:** N Derby Rd FLAP Grant – The guard rails and cleanup is all that is left. Better Roads – Pine Hill Rd is complete except for the culvert at the access to KingdomGo’s Gravel Pit. Grants-in-Aid – The Board needs to decide what sections of road to use this grant for (\$15,125 including our 20% match). Recreation Grants – Fish & Game would like to have a letter of support from the Selectboard. Bob suggested that the Board approve a letter of support and authorize Grant to sign it on the Board’s behalf. The Town will also be applying for a Recreation Grant to rebuild the tennis courts. The Board decided to apply to move the tennis courts, add lighting and bathroom facilities. **Office Hours:** Bob has started his treatments, so from now until the end of September he will be starting work at about 12:30.

OLD BUSINESS:

Legislative Update – None.

ROAD REPORT:

The Road Crew has been replacing a lot of culverts.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Letter of Support – Brad moved to send a Letter of Support for a grant that the Derby Fish & Game Club is applying for to repair Kid’s Pond and to have Grant sign it on behalf of the Board, seconded by Brian. Unanimous

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:45 Brian moved to go into Executive Session for a contract issue, seconded by Brad. Unanimous.

Out of Executive Session at 6:48, no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 23, 2021. Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m., with Steve seconding. Unanimous.

Submitted by Bob Kelley, *Unofficial until approved.*