

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

**Minutes  
August 23, 2021**

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

**Others:** Jay Johnson, Maryann Tetreault, Larry Fortin, Rod Lyon, Renee Falconer, Sheriff Jen Harlow, Joe Profera, Bob Kelley.

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

Warrants #17A in the amount of \$22,931.77 and #17B in the amount of \$191,440.68 were signed.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

Brian moved to approve the minutes of August 9, 2021, with Brad seconding. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sheriff's Dept – Jen Harlow** – Sheriff Harlow explained how the budget was coming along. At the current rate they will be about \$10,000 over budget. Thefts at Walmart are a big contributor to this. The Sheriff's Department has responded to over 62 incidents at Walmart this year. She explained that the Board can now review all the incidents that they respond to online. Bob will make sure the Board gets a link to the site and the password. The Sheriff would like to know if the Board wants her to continue with the service they have been providing or do they want her to cut back on directed patrols. The Board would like to review the data online before making a decision.

**Maryann Tetreault – Delinquent Tax – Attorney** – Attorney Angela Ross sent a letter that she will no longer be doing tax sales. Maryann contacted other towns in the area and a lot of other towns are using Sara Davies from the office of May Davies and recommends that the Town switch to her. Brad moved to use May Davies for Delinquent Tax Sales, seconded by Brian. Unanimous.

**Renee Falconer – Assistant – Funds for Kennel** – Renee would like to get another kennel and is asking all her Towns for \$75 to buy the kennel. She will only get the kennel if all the Towns agree. She would also like to have her stepdaughter Michelle Falconer appointed as Assistant Animal Control Officer. Renee would split her pay with Michelle. Brian moved to contribute \$75 for a new kennel provided all the other Towns contribute and to appoint Michelle Falconer as Assistant Animal Control Officer, seconded by Brad. Unanimous

**Lawrence Fortin – Interested in Town Land** – There is a very small piece of land that the Town owns on Hinman Settler Road that is surrounded on 3 sides by land that Larry owns. The land is not of much use to anyone and he would like to purchase it if the Town is willing to sell it for a minimal amount. There is also a piece of land abutting his land to the north that no one knows who owns it. He has consulted an attorney and it may be possible for him to acquire it by a quiet title. He would like to proceed with this if the Town does not object. The Board would like to have an Executive Session to discuss selling the land and have no objections to Larry trying to acquire the other parcel by quiet title.

**Listers – Errors & Omissions** – The board reviewed and signed as submitted.

**Review & Reapprove – 2021 Tax Rate** – The Board reviewed the Tax Rates calculated by the Town Clerk. This change from 2 weeks ago is due to a change in the Grand List and a change to the amount to be raised in taxes for the Road Dept. The Homestead Rate is \$0.0959 lower than last year and the Non-Homestead is \$0.0739 lower than last year:

General Budget Tax Rate	\$0.1648
Road Department Tax Rate	\$0.1584

Cemetery Tax Rate	\$0.0065
Voted Appropriations Tax Rate	\$0.0601
<u>Local Agreement Tax Rate</u>	<u>\$0.0033</u>
<b>Total Town Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$0.3931</b>

School Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.3405
School Non-Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.6212

<b><u>Total Homestead Tax Rate</u></b>	<b><u>\$1.7336</u></b>
<b><u>Total Non-Homestead Tax Rate</u></b>	<b><u>\$2.0143</u></b>

Brad moved to approve a Total Homestead Tax Rate of \$1.7336 and a Total Non-Homestead Tax Rate of \$2.0143, seconded by Karen. Unanimous.

**Pressure Washing – Clerk’s Building** – There were 2 quotes: Mr. Clean Pressure Washing and Carpets Cleaning - \$475.00 and Marc Gosselin - \$850.00. Brian moved to hire Mr. Clean provided their quote includes using a cleaner that gets rid of mold, seconded by Brad. Unanimous

**Liquor License – Goobs Brew & Barbeque** – At 6:34 Karen moved to recess the meeting to go into a Liquor Control Board meeting, seconded by Brad. Unanimous.

This is in a portion of the Bianchi Memorial property on Route 5. At 6:35 Brian moved to come out of the Liquor Control meeting, seconded by Steve. Unanimous.

Brian moved to approve the Liquor License for Goobs Brew & Barbeque, seconded by Steve. Unanimous.

**TA & ZA Update – DRB/PC:** The DRB doesn’t have any permits pending for next week. The PC is continuing to work on subdivision regulations. **Permits:** There have been 95 permits submitted year to date. **Storm Damage – FEMA:** I believe the Dumas Road culvert is completed. **Grants:** N Derby Rd FLAP Grant – The work is completed. The only thing left is to make sure the phone company is ok as Austin hit the phone line and broke the wire wrapping the cables together. Better Roads – Nothing new. Grants-in-Aid – Nothing new.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Legislative Update** – None.

**ROAD REPORT:**

The new truck is on back order.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Jay Johnson – Haskell Library Letter of Support** – The Haskell Library is applying for a grant from T-Mobile to replace the windows in the Opera House. Karen moved to write a letter of support for the project, seconded by Brian. Unanimous

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:05 Brian moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the land sale proposed by Lawrence Fortin, seconded by Steve. Unanimous.

Out of Executive Session at 7:14, no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There will be no meeting on Labor Day, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 20, 2021. Brad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., with Brian seconding. Unanimous.

Submitted by Bob Kelley, *Unofficial until approved.*