

TOWN OF DERBY, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Minutes
October 18, 2021

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

Others: Scott Perry, Amanda Perry, Faye Morin, Joe Profera, Bob Kelley.

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

Warrants #21A in the amount of \$19,921.68 and #21B in the amount of \$67,245.77 were signed.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Brian moved to approve the minutes of October 4, 2021, with Karen seconding. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott & Amanda Perry – Lawson Road – The Perry's would be interested in buying the small piece of land between Lawson Road and John's River. This is less than ¼ acre and is right across the road from their house. They have been using it and another property owner has been giving them a hard time. The Board will look into selling it or granting them exclusive use of it.

Sign Appropriations – RCT Inc – RCT Inc is requesting an appropriation of \$2,500 to go on the warning for 2022 Town Meeting. This is the same as requested and approved in 2021. Derby's Appropriations Policy allows the Board to add requested appropriations to the warning without signatures if they are requesting the same amount as the prior year. The Board agreed to add the appropriation to the 2022 Warning.

Review & Sign Excess Weight Permits – Larry Snider-Snider Trucking and Sunset Timber Transport – Steve reviewed and signed both as Road Commissioner.

Review & Sign – Balance Sheet, Budget Status, Delinquent Tax Report, and General Journal Posting – The Board reviewed and signed all.

TA & ZA Update – DRB/PC: The DRB has one permit pending for their meeting next Monday and the PC will continue working on amendments to the subdivision regulations. **Permits:** There have been 107 permits submitted year to date. **Storm Damage – FEMA:** Nothing new to report, still waiting for reimbursement. **Grants:** N Derby Rd FLAP Grant – The contract with GPI has been amended. The total additional cost came to \$3,360 instead of \$3,800 after I caught a \$5/hr error in the overtime rate. **Poulin Land:** We didn't calculate in the cost of surveying the lots which will total about \$2,000. This would add about \$300 to each lot if we want to recover this cost. The Board agreed to add an additional \$300 to the asking price for the lots. **Pine Hill Road:** Coventry will be paving Pine Hill Road early next summer. They hope to have it done by the end of June.

OLD BUSINESS:

Legislative Update – None.

ROAD REPORT:

The price of salt is going up. The Town just purchased 100 tons at \$80.75/ton. The new truck is not in yet. The Board agreed to put a deposit on the equipment to go on the new truck so that when the truck arrives there will not be a wait for the equipment. The State is pushing for towns to use a brine solution on the roads instead of salt. The Town will continue to use salt. The clutch is going on the Champion grader. The Board discussed selling it but thought it was better to keep it for now. The Stump Dump needs to be pushed back.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Parks & Recreation Committee – Karen filled the Board in on the Parks & Recreation Committee's last meeting. The Town has been asked to submit a full application for the VOREC Grant for the Kid's Fish & Game Pond/Tennis Courts/Bike Connector across I91. Platforms for camping at the Clyde River Park for people canoeing the Northern Canoe Trail would be a good addition. The date for the 4th of July parade needs to be set. The Board decided to hold it on Monday July 4th rather than on the weekend. Disc Golf might be an additional use for the Town Forest. All that would be needed would be clearing the underbrush and portable disc golf baskets. The Board had concerns with it being a conflict with hunters. The Town's property along 4-H Road might be a better location for disc golf. Getting a conservation assessment of the Town Forest might be a good idea. Steve thought the Town already has a conservation plan for the Town Forest. Faye will look in the files for it.

NEK Hoops – NEK Hoops has contacted both Derby and Newport to see if one of the Towns would take it over. The Board thought that NEK Hoops need to establish a board to run it. Currently it is mainly just one person. A group dedicated to the program is needed.

Broadband – NEK Broadband is asking all the Towns to fill out a survey of Town resources that might be of use to them. They are looking of areas to place their electronics that has backup power and also for storage areas during construction. Bob will fill out the survey.

Beach House Security – The call out phone numbers for the alarm needs to be updated to call Brad first, Bob second, and Brian third.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Legal Issue – At 7:02 Brian moved to go into Executive Session for a legal issue, seconded by Brad. Unanimous.

Out of Executive Session at 7:07. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Monday, November 1, 2021. Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m., with Steve seconding. Unanimous.

Submitted by Bob Kelley, *Unofficial until approved.*