

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

**Minutes
November 15, 2021**

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

Others: Elijah Capron, Joe Profera, Bob Kelley.

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

Warrants #23A in the amount of \$20,343.66 and #23B in the amount of \$135,281.36 were signed.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Steve moved to approve the minutes of November 1, 2021, with Brian seconding. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Someone called Brian asking about buying the Derby Line Ambulance building. It was thought that the Town would have to request the IRS and State give the building to the Town. Bob was asked to check with VLCT to find out what needs to be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dog Park Committee Appointment – Ann Edwards, Derek Edwards and Carol Piper have resigned from the Committee. Ann & Derek are moving out of state. Rick Geisel would like to be appointed to the Committee. Brian move to appoint Rick Geisel to the Dog Park Committee, seconded by Karen. Unanimous.

NVDA Discussion – NVDA is proposing to raise the per capita appropriation for towns from \$0.75 to \$1.00 and is asking for the Town's input. This would increase Derby's appropriation from \$3,466 to \$4,579. The Board recognized the value of the services NVDA provides and they were in support of the proposed increase.

Review & Sign Appropriations – Dailey Memorial Library & Haskell Free Library – Dailey Memorial Library is requesting an appropriation of \$40,000 to go on the Warning for 2022 Town Meeting. This is the same as requested and approved in 2021. Haskell Free Library is requesting an appropriation of \$12,000 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 appropriations to the 2022 Warning.

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

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 114 permits submitted year to date. **Storm Damage – FEMA:** We have received \$37k from FEMA for project 141639. We are waiting on FEMA for the other projects. Total reimbursements from all projects will be approximately \$250k – FEMA and \$25k – State and the Towns cost was \$60k. **Grants:** N Derby Rd FLAP Grant – Still waiting on the last invoice from GPI to send in the closeout paperwork. **Poulin Land:** The only property owner I have not heard from is Travis Bartley. All the others want to purchase the lots. Monticello/Best is willing to purchase the lot behind Bartley, but need the Town to get Bartley to move his stuff off the property. **Route 5 Town Land:** Steve & Brian can meet with the State and Memphremagog Watershed Association around noon Tuesday – Thursday this week or next week. Bob with coordinate the meeting. **State House Redistricting Proposal:** Brian asked about the Redistricting the State is proposing. The Board was wondering why the Town was not notified about the proposed changes. Brian discovered that the last day for comments was at the close of business today. Derby is proposed as a separate district with 1 Representative, whereas

before it was Derby, Holland, Morgan, Charleston, and Brownington as one district with 2 Representatives.

OLD BUSINESS:

Legislative Update – None.

ROAD REPORT:

There is an ongoing problem with beavers building a dam at the new bridge on Eagle Point. 2 more beaver were trapped last week. The Town's pickup truck's door is rusted and needs to be replaced.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ARPA Funds:

Bob was asked to check to see if ARPA funds can be used for the extra hours the Sheriff's Dept has needed due to COVID.

Health Issue:

Health Officer, Elijah Capron explained a problem with a pile of trash on the Thwaite property on Nelson Hill Road. The owner says it is the tenant causing the problem and has been notified that it is the owner's responsibility to get rid of the trash. A health order and zoning violation will be issued to hopefully resolve the issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Legal Issue – At 7:07 Brian moved to go into Executive Session for personnel issue, seconded by Steve. Unanimous.

Out of Executive Session at 7:14. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Monday, November 29, 2021. Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m., with Steve seconding. Unanimous.

Submitted by Bob Kelley, *Unofficial until approved.*