

TOWN OF DERBY, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Minutes
July 11, 2022

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

Others: Craig Ellam, Paula Halbedl, Tim Votapka, Ross Ogilvie, Roger Cartee, Ed Wells, TJ Jackman, Matthew Wilson, Nancy Moore, Ed Barber, Joe Profera, Bob Kelley

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

Warrants #14A in the amount of \$23,467.05 and #14B in the amount of \$86,048.52 were signed.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Brian motioned to approve the minutes of June 27, 2022, with Karen seconding. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Department – Craig Ellam – Craig has a quote from BCS of \$47,711 for the new radio antenna for the Board to approve. Steve moved to approve \$47,711 from BCS for a new radio antenna, seconded by Karen. Unanimous.

The sprinkler system has another leak that needs to be fixed. The pipes are black iron and should not be rotting out this quick. The system is only 15 years old. Injecting nitrogen into the system may help but it is expensive.

Haskell Library – ARPA Funds – Trustee Paula Halbedl explained that they are renovating the theater lighting, heat, windows and air conditioning so that the Opera House can run all year round. The cost is in the \$135,000 range. Derby Line has committed \$20,000 of their ARPA funds, the Canadian Arts Council of Montreal has donated \$30,000 and Texas Instruments will match a portion of the funding. The Library is requesting Derby donate \$25,000 from their ARPA Funds. The Board is interested in helping the Library. With different request coming the Board wants to look at what funds are available, how much the Town wants to reserve for their own use and set up a timeline for requests to allow different organizations an opportunity to apply for the funds. For now the Board agreed to partially fund the Library's request and the remainder would be on their list for possible funding. Karen moved to approve \$10,000 of ARPA Funds for the Haskell Library repairs, seconded by Brian. Unanimous.

Salem Lakes Preservation Association (SLPA) – Milfoil Mitigation – Tim Votapka, Ross Ogilvie, Roger Cartee, Ed Wells, and TJ Jackman gave a presentation on the Milfoil infestation in Lake Salem. The Eurasian Milfoil has been spreading exponentially. It grows in the Littoral zone (20 ft or less water depth) and currently has infested 38% of the Lattoral zone. Currently they use divers to suck up the milfoil and as the milfoil continues to spread the cost keeps escalating. There is an herbicide (ProcellaCOR) available that Towns have had good success with. Currently the State only allows treatment with ProcellaCOR of 40% of the Lattoral zone. It specifically targets just the Eurasian Milfoil. Over the next 4 years it is estimated to cost between \$260,000 using ProcellaCOR and \$310,000 continuing with their current method to keep the lake from getting overrun. Future years is anticipated to be less if ProcellaCOR is used. SLPA is asking the Town for monetary help. The Board will add SLPA to the list for possible funding from the Town's ARPA Funds.

E911 Road Names - Nancy Moore – Tony Tanguay owns the land under the road by Cass Insurance/Newport Rental and has suggested the name Up North Drive. The others are fine with the name. Steve moved to name the road Up North Drive, seconded by Brian. Unanimous.

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

TA & ZA Update – DRB/PC: The DRB 3 applications on their agenda for next week. The PC is continuing review of PUD and Mobile Home regulation. **Permits:** There have been 84 permits submitted year to date. **Storm Damage – FEMA:** Waiting on final payments. **Poulin Land:** Things are still moving forward. **Dairninaka Dr:** Things are still moving forward. **Grants:** Grant agreements for both paving (\$100,000) and Better Road (\$20,000 Ridgehill Dr ditching) have been fully executed. We are still waiting for the grant agreement for Grants in Aid (\$22,000 Ridgehill Dr culverts). **NEKWMD:** NEKWMD is proposing a charter change which would allow the Board of Supervisor to approve their budget rather than by Australian Ballot. NEKWMD is willing to come to a Selectboard Meeting to answer questions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Legislative Update – None.

ROAD REPORT:

Ditching on Ridgehill Drive has started and roadside mowing has started. A low boy trailer is needed for the excavator. Lucky's Trailer Sales has the lowest price at \$27,900 and Steve recommends the Town purchase it. Steve moved to purchase the trailer from Lucky's Trailer Sales for \$27,900, seconded by Karen. Unanimous.

Engineering bids for a new roof for the salt shed will be in for the next meeting. The garage roof repairs will have to be put off until next year.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT: None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board would like ARPA Fund Policy, NEK Broadband and NEKWMD Charter Change on their next agenda. NEK Broadband should be first on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 25, 2022. Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Unanimous.

Submitted by Bob Kelley, *Unofficial until approved.*