

TOWN OF DERBY, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Minutes
February 20, 2023

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

Others: Joe Cicia, Paul Chambers, Paul Tomasi, Matthew Wilson, Frank Davis, Paul Prue, Joe Profera, Ed Barber, Effie Brown, Irene Dagesse, Steve Davenport, Fran Batchelder, Bob Kelley.

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

Warrants #4A in the amount of \$24,574.08 and #4B in the amount of \$28,731.84 were signed.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Brian moved to approve the minutes of February 6, 2023, with Steve seconding. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Prue stated that the press got his comments wrong about people plowing snow across the road. He is against it and it is illegal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Cicia – Dairninaka Dr - Paperwork – Bob Kelley reported that all the paperwork has been submitted to the State for addition to the Town’s Highway Mileage.

Pope Frontier Animal Shelter – ARPA Request \$500 – The Shelter is requesting the funds for an interior door in the kennel area. The Board has put a halt on all ARPA requests. No action taken.

Paul Chambers – Northern Border Running Club – Paul explained that the Club would like to have a one mile race at the start of the 4th of July Parade. He expects that there would be about 100 runners. It would start at the Elks and finish at the Junior High. The Club has liability insurance. The Board was in favor of the race. One main concern that will have to be worked out is parking. A few different options were discussed. Paul will look into the options. The Club would like to donate anything they raise to a Veterans organization.

NEKWMD – Voting Budget – Paul Tomasi, Fran Batchelder and Irene Dagesse explained the process and reason for changing the voting from Australian Ballot to the Board of Supervisors. NEKWMD is the only district in the State that vote by Australian Ballot. This is a hardship on some of the smaller communities where this is the only item that they vote by Australian Ballot. Fran inadvertently voted for the change instead of against, but it didn’t affect the outcome of the vote. Historically the Town has voted in favor of the NEKWMD budget by about a 2 to 1 margin.

Review & Sign - Excess Weight Permits – Barrett Trucking Co Inc, Blanchard Oil, CSE Inc, Gosselin Water Wells, New England Quality Services Inc, RG Gosselin Inc & Velco – Steve reviewed and signed all as Road Commissioner.

Review & Sign – Liquor Licenses – Derby Jolly, Derby Line Village Inn, Kinney Drugs & Price Chopper – At 6:51 Brian moved to go into a Liquor Control Board meeting, seconded by Steve. Unanimous. At 6:52 Brian moved to come out of the Liquor Control Board meeting, seconded by Karen. Unanimous. Steve moved to approve all the license requests, seconded by Brad. Unanimous.

TA & ZA Update – DRB/PC: The DRB does not have any permits pending for next week. The PC is working on Article 8: Limitations and Variances. They held a public hearing last week on amendment to Flood Hazard, Planned Unit Developments and Mobile Home Parks and they are awaiting further feedback from the State Floodplain Manager before passing it along to the Selectboard. Bob DeRoehn and Hazen Converse PC terms and Adam Guyette DRB term expire this year. They would all like to be reappointed. **Permits:** There have been 15 permits submitted

year to date. **Storm Damage – FEMA:** No change. Everything is approved and waiting on the final payments from the Feds for Dumas Rd (\$68,800.26) and Administration (\$7,429.06), then it will just be the State share remaining to be reimbursed (\$9,980.50). **Border Patrol:** Just a reminder that the Border Patrol is going to be at the Derby Line Village Trustee's meeting tomorrow night at 6:30. **Route 5 Land:** Letters of support for Fish & Wildlife purchasing the Town and Joyal properties have been sent out.

OLD BUSINESS:

Legislative Update – Senate bill S.5 The Affordable Heat Act is getting a lot of discussion.

ROAD REPORT:

There was an accident with one of the Town's dump trucks. It should be back in service later this week. An insurance claim has been filed. Stumps have been pulled behind the sand pile and next year the sand will be stockpiled by coming in from Boucher Circle. There appears to be good gravel in this area and the Town needs to look into what it would take to open a pit for Town use. A hydraulics study was done for the culvert at the end of 4H Rd and it is calling for a 16 ft wide box culvert.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Steve moved to go into executive session for a personnel matter at 7:10, seconded by Brian. Unanimous. Out of executive session at 7:19, no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Town Meeting is in 2 weeks and the next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2023. There will be no Selectboard meeting on March 6, 2023. Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., with Brad seconding. Unanimous.

Submitted by Bob Kelley, *Unofficial until approved.*