

March 10, 2022 Select Board Meeting  
=M I N U T E S=

Called to Order at 7pm. Salute to Flag Roll Call: Abbott, Haines, Fuller, Powers, Bender were all present.

Motion to Set Agenda by Fuller/Haines passed unanimously.

Public Comment by Beth Thompson complimenting Road Crew for promptly fixing wash out on Edmunds Road and suggesting letter of condolence to Rodriguez family.

Discussed superfluous positions of Pound Keeper; Inspector of Lumber, shingles and wood; Weigher of coal, Service Officer, and Grand Juror. Motion by Haines/Powers to no longer make these appointments carried unanimously.

Person to take minutes at Select Board Meetings: Drea Stoddard by Fuller/Haines passed unanimously.

RRPC Rep and Alternate: Re-appoint S. Taylor and M. Bushee motioned by Powers/Fuller passed unanimously.

Local Planning Commission 3 year terms: Motion to re-appoint Hilda Haines by Fuller/Powers passed with S. Haines abstaining. Motion by Haines/Abbott to appoint Donald Keeler passed unanimously.

Rutland Solid Waste: Motion by Fuller/Powers to appoint K. Abbott, Jr and S. Haines passed unanimously.

Tree Warden: Motion to re-appoint R. Bromley by Powers/Haines passed unanimously.

Fence Viewers: Motion to re-appoint M. Greene, G. Heaton, B. Bromley by Haines/Fuller passed unanimously.

Rutland County Transportation Council: Motion by Fuller/Haines to re-appoint C. Bush and T. Pearce passed unanimously.

Planning Commission Report: None, as S. Taylor was not present.

Treasurer's Report: J. Millard presented Budget Status Report and discussed Employee Retirement Plan offered by Mission Square. Motion by Powers/Fuller to use Mission Square 457 Retirement Plan contingent on being able to roll over present plan passed unanimously.

Fleet Permits:

Motion to approve Barrett Trucking, Bazin Brother Trucking, Proctor Gas, Structural Wood Corp., Markowski Excavating, Steven Adams Excavating, Hunter Excavating, Amerigas, Cardinal Logistics, Fuller Sand & Gravel, R. K. Miles, Steve Newton, and C & R Hauling by Haines and Abbott passed unanimously after discussion about restricting certain roads and mud season posting which will be added to next year's permits.

Road Commissioner's Report: T. Fuller, Jr. said all equipment is in good working order and the crew has been cutting brush on the west side of town. He reminded all that we are now in mud season with the usual ruts and challenges to snow plowing. A recommendation to purchase a mid-size wheeled excavator rather than a tractor for mowing and ditching will be forthcoming and eliminate the need to fix the equipment trailer or purchase a new one.

Motion to approve and sign Municipal Roads General Permit (Storm water) by Haines/Powers passed unanimously.

VTDOT will be invited to make a presentation on Bridge 7 at the April meeting.

Discussed Town Meeting non-binding Article 10 (passed by 246 votes) regarding hybrid meetings and Fuller suggested making a policy listing appropriate procedures for such meetings. Thompson said that she spoke to Pawlet, Wells, Tinmouth and East Dorset who current include remote capabilities for their Select Board meetings and she will find out what their procedures are and report back at the April meeting.

There was no Old Business.

New Business was a discussion led by Dan Garceau regarding the Northshire Rescue Squad Contract which is up on July 1, 2022 and Manchester's unwillingness to sign the new contract because they wish to start their own town squad. He spoke with Susan Howard, president of NRS and was told that as of this past Monday no meeting had been scheduled to discuss next steps. Dan will encourage scheduling a meeting to do so sometime this month.

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter was made at 8:23 by Powers/Abbott passed unanimously. The Board returned at 8:37 and a motion was made by Powers/Haines to not accept the donation of the DiCrescenzo land on Tinmouth Road. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn by Powers/Fuller at 8:39 pm passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Bradley J. Bender