

February 10, 2022 Select Board Meeting
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Called To Order 7:00pm, Pledged to Flag, Roll Call: Haines, present; White, absent; Fuller, present; Powers, present; Bender, present.

Motion to Set Agenda by Fuller/Haines passed unanimously.

Motion to adopt minutes of January 13, 2002 and Emergency Meeting of 1/25, 2002 by Haines/Fuller passed unanimously.

Planning Commission Report: Barbara Noyes-Pulling on Lake Champlain Clean Up informed meeting about EPA phosphorus reduction mandates, the 7 organizations termed Clean Service Providers, and said that there will be non-regulatory projects that do not require permits that will involve flood plain stream restoration, riparian buffer restoration, Road Best Practice Management and Lakeshore BPM. Fuller asked what the targets were and Barbara replied that she wasn't completely sure but they involved forest and agriculture management among them. NY State is not tasked by the EPA in doing this, just VT. Addison County PC is dealing with Otter Creek Basin whereas the map handed out is Poultney-Mettawee Basin. This is about stopping new phosphorus issues, not correcting existing ones.

ARPA Funds: Presentation from Danby-Mt. Tabor NOW by Bob Tobin and Pete Johnson offering to build website page regarding uses of funds and including a survey for the community to complete. The Board felt the survey was important and should be mailed to taxpayers. This item will be put on the March agenda to discuss charging the Planning Commission with the task as well as inviting discussion regarding possible projects, administration, and reporting.

Treasurer's Report: J. Millard stated that 2 employees are interested in the Mission Square Retirement Plan and she will have a recommendation for adoption at the March meeting.

Road Commissioner's Report:

Motion to approve Fleet Permit for Newport Sand & Gravel and New England Quality Services by Haines/Fuller passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Annual Financial Plan for Highway Structures and Class II Road Grant Program by Fuller/Powers passed unanimously.

Fuller reported that all of the ice this winter has been taxing the salt supply and he is working to stay within budget. The heated garage is a great help while doing truck repair work. The crew was able to spend one day cutting brush. Tracey Porter mentioned an accident on Baker Brook road when a car slid on the ice and wondered if a guard rail could be installed. Discussion covered the difficulties in doing so because of the steep drop off on the south side of the road and it was agreed that the trees serve as the best barrier.

Tax Sales: Emanuelson/Roberts 790 Greene Hill Rd; Bolster 1032 Scottsville Rd. Motion by Powers/Fuller to have Select Board Chair Bradley Bender present at the tax sales on March 7, 2002 to bid on these properties for the town if no other bids are made.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: Candidates for election as town officers spoke beginning with Tracey Porter who told the meeting that she stood by her testimony to the Natural Resources Board against Fuller Sand and Gravel. She has been a town resident for nearly 24 years and would introduce a declaration of inclusion if elected. When asked about qualifications she stated that she had worked at Mountain Valley Health Clinic, and as a parts chaser, chamber maid, and nanny for a rich family. Annette Smith said that she is running not to fight with anyone, but feels the board is too insular, should have remote access, and should have a woman on it. She was on the Planning Commission for 6 years and runs a non-profit with a \$125,000 yearly budget whose donor lists are confidential and protected. She has lived in town 21 years. Mike Powers said he is of the fourth generation of his family to live in Danby, had been on the volunteer fire department for 20 years, is a union steward, is familiar with truck repair and supports local business and will work to encourage more. He wants to keep Danby an affordable place to live and is proud that the board was able to level fund our budget for the ensuing year. Jennifer Millard declined the opportunity to speak.

Motion by Powers/Haines to appoint Dan Garceau as representative to the Northshire Rescue Squad in the event of the resignation of our current representative Janice Arnold.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:44pm by Powers/Fuller and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Bradley J. Bender