

Town of Danby
DRAFT Select Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2022
Town Office, Danby, VT 9:00am
<https://www.danbyvt.org/government-information>
ZOOM MEETING ID: 834-6028-2318

Public Present – D. Stoddard, T. Porter, D. White, G. Heaton, B. Thompson,
Virtual Present – L. Bondurant, A. Smith, D. White Sr., G. Derr, C. Hardaway, T. Parker L. Dever,
E & A Stoehr, B. Richardson,

- Call to order at 7:00pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
 - Abbott, Bender, Fuller, Haines
 - Powers - Absent
- Procedure for Remote Access Attendance Statement
 - Beth Thompson
- Motion to Set Agenda
 - Amendments
 - Cross off Cargill salt quote
 - Add Lyle Jepson
 - Motion by Haines, Seconded by Abbott
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Public Comment
 - None
- Motion to adopt Minutes of Select Board Meetings on September 8, 2022
 - Motion by Haines, Seconded by Fuller
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Lyle Jepson
 - Update on economics of the area
 - Year 7 of regional marketing plan
 - 10 year goal
 - Concerns from business needing employees
 - Trying to bring in younger people
 - \$1,300 a year donation from the town
 - Committees focused on bringing more people to this area
 - 200 people have moved here directly connected to the program
 - Requesting to have the ask on the ballot for 2023
 - Letter needs to be sent to the town
 - Criteria for how a family got picked to come for the getaway
 - Demographics & contributions to the community
- Planning Commission Report – S. Taylor - Absent
 - Greg Heaton present
 - Shelley updated everyone RRPC, Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - Businesses on Main Street are struggling with getting visible signage
- Treasurer's Report – J. Millard – Absent
 - First reading of policies:
 - Cash Receipts & Returned Checks Policy
 - Questions on policies
 - Clarification on wording and workable timetable for deposits
 - Tax Collection Policy
 - Wording adjustments

- Town of Danby Small credits & amounts due Policy
 - Suspend the policy for now
 - Back-up signature
 - Current system where 2 people sign checks
 - The Treasurer and the Chair
 - Back-ups are the vice chair and assistant treasurer
 - Motion to remove Steve Haines as a backup signature on town checks and to appoint Ken Abbott Jr. as the backup signer
 - Motion by Haines, Seconded by Fuller
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Delinquent Tax Collector's Report – D. White
 - 23 properties are still delinquent
 - 3 tax sales are scheduled
 - Land only on Tinmouth road 10 acre lot no E-911 number
 - Min bid \$2,000
 - Green Hill Road 1711
 - House and land \$145,xxx value
 - Min bid \$13,000
 - Unlanded Mobile home on the 4 corners
 - Mobile home only value \$8,000
 - Min bid \$4,000
 - Motion to move forward with 3 Tax Sales
 - Motion by Haines, Seconded by Abbott
 - Motion passed unanimously
 - Motion for town to bid if no one else shows to bid
 - Motion by Fuller Seconded by Haines
 - Motion passes unanimously
 - Motion to appoint Steve Haines to bid on properties for the town
 - Motion by Abbott, Seconded by Fuller
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Road Commissioner's Report – T. Fuller Jr.
 - Update on current projects
 - In good shape and getting ready for winter
 - Chains and salt are in good order
 - Policies (as recommended by VLCT);
 - Risk management – employee exposure to releases of hazardous energy
 - Highway Maintenance by Contractors
 - Review policy as a committee Fuller and Abbott
 - Decide on option for purchase Brook culvert replacement
 - Michael Fernandez
 - Two options for replacement
 - bridge or stringer bridge
 - Aquatic organism passage
 - Increase passage for spawning brook trout
 - Consult with engineering firm about grant caps
 - Town is willing to be flexible for what will work for budget, design, maintenance, life expectancy, etc.
 - Will stay in contact with the town about moving forward
 - Flood resilient communities fund grant (due 10/28)
 - There really aren't any current projects that apply

- **Report on Short Cut Road/ Town Highway 11**
 - Visual inspection, hearing, and letters of support to reclassify Short Cut Road
 - Motion to pass order read aloud for reclassification of Short Cut Road to class 4 trail
 - Motion by Haines, Seconded by Abbott
 - Motion passes unanimously
- **Old Business**
 - **Report on Depot St. drainage – B. Bender**
 - Met with engineering firm that are hydrogeologists
 - Ground water causing issues
 - Depth, flow direction, input/output
 - Proposing a general scope of study in phases
 - ARPA money could be used to help fund project
 - Involvement from Mt. Tabor?
 - Are they willing to contribute 50% of the cost
 - Considering it is an issue for both towns
 - Need solid commitment from Mt. Tabor
 - Motion to proceed if Mt. Tabor commits to cover half of the fees
 - Motion by Haines, Seconded by Fuller
 - Motion passes unanimously
- **New Business**
 - **6pm 11/10 Budget**
 - First hour of meeting will be focused on budget discussion
- **Motion to adjourn 8:48pm by Haines , seconded by Fuller**
 - motion passes unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by:
Drea Stoddard
Minute Taker