

Town of Danby  
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**