

Town of Danby
DRAFT Select Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2023
Town Office, Danby, VT 7:00pm
<https://www.danbyvt.org/government-information>
ZOOM MEETING ID: 834-6028-2318

Public Present – D. Stoddard, B. Thompson, T. Porter, J. Arnold, C. Yrsha, L. Bienkowski, M. Blouin, P. Macheski

Virtual Present – C. Hardaway T. Parker, A. Smith, D. White

- Call to order at 7:00pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
 - Abbott, Haines, Powers, Bender – present
 - Fuller - Absent
- Procedure for Remote Access Attendance Statement
 - Beth Thompson
- Motion to set agenda
 - Additions under tax rate
 - Addition of executive session for a personnel matter at end of meeting
 - Motion by Haines, Seconded by Powers
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Public Comment
 - Matt Blouin
 - Issues with access to the assessors reports online
 - Has reached out with no response
 - Has questions and would like some communication
- Motion to adopt minutes of Select Board Meeting of June 8th & 15th 2023
 - Motion by Haines, seconded by Abbott
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Danby Food Shelf
 - Has been based on donations
 - Money accumulated was turned over to the town treasurer
 - Want form LLC with Circle of Friends
 - Want to apply for non-profit status
 - Allows them to be able to continue the good work that is being done as a legitimate entity
 - Requesting the funds that are in the account to be transferred once a non-profit is established
 - Would like to continue to keep goods kept where they are in the town office
 - Motion to transfer funds to their account once the non-profit is set up and to allow the space in the town office to continue to be used
 - Motion by Haines, Seconded by Powers
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Treasurer's Report – J. Millard absent
 - Auditors have completed June reports
 - BROC loans have been sent out
 - No payments received to date
 - Dump Day Report
 - \$1,104 revenue from dump day
 - Expenses totaled \$1,824

- **Set Tax Rate**
 - **Recommendation from Treasurer 0.4418% for municipal tax rate**
 - **Less than last years because of an increase in the grand list**
 - **Motion to set municipal tax rate at 0.4418%**
 - **Motion by Haines, Seconded by Powers**
 - **Motion passes unanimously**
- **Homestead declaration**
 - **Sometimes there are late filings**
 - **In recent year's penalty has been waved**
- **Motion to wave penalty for late homestead declaration filings**
 - **Motion by Haines, Seconded by Abbott**
 - **Motion passes unanimously**
- **Local Agreement**
 - **Additional money that the town kicks in for properties that are classified as exempt**
 - **0.0016% is the local share**
 - **Motion to set local agreement at 0.0016%**
 - **Motion by Powers Seconded by Abbott**
 - **Motion passes unanimously**
- **Road Commissioner's Report: T. Fuller, Jr. -absent**
 - **Haines speaks in place**
 - **Report on Current Projects**
 - **Dealt with storm damage**
 - **Mudslide and wash outs**
 - **Replaced 3 culverts on Danby Hill**
 - **Working on west side**
 - **Ditching and cutting brush**
 - **New trailer was picked up on Monday**
 - **Second round of mowing has begun**
 - **Sign Request for Reimbursement Class 2 Roadway Grant**
 - **Motion to sign agreement by Haines, Seconded by Powers**
 - **Motion passes unanimously**
 - **Question about weight signs on the bridges**
 - **AOT put the signs up without contacting the town**
 - **They decided what the ratings are**
 - **What are the liabilities with the bridges being posted with weight ratings**
 - **Can investigate further to get more information**
 - **Sign AOT-HWY VTrans Grants In Aid**
 - **Motion to sign agreement by Haines, Seconded by Powers**
 - **Motion passes unanimously**
 - **Discuss VTrans Curve Project (Began in 2017—continue?)**
 - **Does the town wish to continue**
 - **How to make roads safer for the public to travel**
 - **Baker Brook / Scottsville with signage**
 - **Allowing to add the additional signs or leave how it is**
 - **Annette Smith – current resident of the roads**
 - **Current signs are adequate and help, no further signs are needed**
 - **Motion not to continue with the VTrans Curve Project**
 - **Motion by Abbott, Seconded by Powers**
 - **Any consequence if the town doesn't continue**
 - **No direct penalty**

- **Motion passes unanimously**
- **Old Business**
 - none
- **New Business**
 - **Samples and prices from Staples for new Dump stickers**
 - **Table for now**
- **Executive session**
 - **Motion to enter executive session at 7:38pm**
 - **Motion by Haines, Seconded by Abbott**
- **Motion to adjourn 8:00pm by Haines, Seconded by Powers**
 - **motion passes unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Drea Stoddard

Minute Taker