

Town of Danby  
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 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 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**