

Town of Danby  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
February 08, 2024  
Town Office, Danby, VT 7:00pm  
<https://www.danbyvt.org/government-information>  
**ZOOM MEETING ID: 834-6028-2318**

Public Present – D. Stoddard, B. Thompson, W. Greer, T. Powers, G. Poelker, D. Neary,

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

- Call to order at 7:00pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
  - Abbott, Powers, Fuller, Haines, Bender – present
- Announcement –
  - Anecdotal statement about President Portraits in room
  - Town Report is now available online
- Procedure for Remote Access Attendance Statement
  - Beth Thompson
- Motion to set agenda
  - Additions have been made
    - One additional fleet permit
  - Motion by Haines Seconded by Powers
    - Motion passes unanimously
- Public Comment
  - none
- Motion to adopt minutes of Select Board Meeting January 11, 2023
  - Motion by Powers, seconded by Haines
    - Motion passes unanimously
- RRPC Devon Neary/Greg Poelker Regional Plan Update
  - Meeting with all Select Boards of the 27 towns
    - Looking for feedback for the plan update
    - Scheduled open houses and pop-up events
    - Public survey that is open now
      - Gathering feedback from the community
      - Regional plan is updated every 8 years
    - The best information and feedback comes from the residents in Rutland County
    - Outreach plan is now until the middle of April
  - Regional Plan committee are directly reviewing the plan drafts and material collected from all the outreach
  - A. Smith question
    - Wondering about Act 171
      - Wildlife habitat, able to make regional distinctions instead of per each town
      - Future of land use maps, updates of Act 250
      - On the radar, still beginning phased in working on the new plan
  - Municipal Technical Assistance
    - Political program
      - Unused state level ARPA funds
      - Vermont Community Index
        - How to measure a communities need and capacity
        - Pre-approved the participate in the program

- Provides funding to the RPC for a project that the town thinks is important and needed
- Should consider any and all projects that come up
- Some towns are using this to help with town plan, recreation, town updates
  - Something specific can be identified
  - Money is set aside and available
  - Start planning on what projects could be potential candidates
  - Very open ended on the funding until a project is narrowed down
- Here to support the project from start to finish
  - A lot can be done before a specific project is selected
    - Funding needs to be focused on one project, not spread out to several
    - Approval from AOA
  - In public meeting the program needs to openly accepted or declined
    - If accepted does not tie the town to anything
    - Standard allocation is \$7500, upper limit could be \$100,000 or more it is the base fund
- Flavors Hook Kids VT Campaign Presentation
  - Will Greer
    - Updates from the last month
      - The draft bill is being worked on and is supported
      - Ways and Means Committee in the house is voting on it tomorrow morning
        - Exemptions for certain cigars, menthol, and longer grace period for business if it passes
          - Largest worry is about cigarillos as an exemption
      - Receiving positive feedback so far
        - Where is the funding coming from for this campaign
          - Tobacco prevention organizations
      - Need to find out if the sign on was sent to the town clerk?
- Treasurer's Report: J. Millard – unable to attend
  - Provided report
    - Auditors completed December work
    - BROC loans have not been paid yet
  - Discuss Banking Security Measures
    - Would like to see fraud prevention added to bank accounts
      - Looking for direction from the select board
        - Provided information on two options
      - Motion to go with option A on fraud prevention for \$80 a month
        - Motion by Powers, Seconded by Haines
          - Motion passed unanimously
- Road Commissioner's Report: T. Fuller, Jr.
  - Report on current conditions/projects
    - Grant writing season
    - Road Crew has been working on snow, mud, and restocking sand pile by the garage, and truck repairs
      - Larry went to Pawlet for a few days to help with grading
    - Looking to get a road grant for the Tinmouth Road
  - Approve Fleet Permit Newport S & G/Carroll Concrete, & Markowski Excavating
    - Motion by Haines Seconded by Fuller

- **Motion passes unanimously**
- **Old Business**
  - **Dog Ordinance takes effect 2/14/24, copy sent to Sheriff**
    - **Any type of issues or complaint after 2/14 can be directed to the Sheriffs department**
- **New Business**
  - **none**
- **Motion to adjourn 7:58pm by Powers, Seconded by Abbott**
  - **motion passes unanimously**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**  
**Drea Stoddard**  
**Minute Taker**