

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Monday August 26, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Present: Eric Pope, Chair of the Board; Larry Labor, Bruce Remick

Guest: Bob Durgin, Matthew Wilson, Barton Chronicle.

1. Call the meeting to order.

-Meeting called to order at 5pm.

2. Review and approve the minutes of August 12<sup>th</sup> as written.

-Minutes approved.

3. Make any changes/additions to the draft agenda.

- a. The Sunset Drive grant project reimbursement paperwork has been submitted and approved by VTrans – the town will receive \$20,000 in the next week or so. Final project costs were \$55,000, less expensive than the original \$70,000 estimate.
- b. The failed Grease Trap in the school kitchen is causing a water leak – the Town has received multiple estimates for replacement; In order to avoid a costly project, the selectboard decided to have Larry Labor seek new estimates for removal alone without replacement given that the school kitchen is rarely used. Tabled until new estimates come in.

4. Let any guests speak.

-See #6

5. Tabled from the last meeting of August 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 #2k. Cell Towers.

-The Board discussed the proposed cell tower, intended to be constructed on a property off of 4 Wheel Drive Road. The developer has applied for a certificate of public good from the state. As proposed, the project plans meet all criteria contained within the Morgan Town Plan. Furthermore, Telecommunications projects seeking CPGs are exempt from local zoning. The

Town has no issues with the proposed project currently. An abutting property owner, Mike Duggan has reached out to the Town several times with various concerns, it was recommended to Mr. Duggan that he reach out to the developer and/or the state to speak directly to them. The Town also invited him to join a Selectboard meeting to discuss his concerns with the Board, he has not done so to date.

6. Tabled from the last meeting of August 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 #21. Transfer Station Violation.

-Bod Durgin joined the Selectboard for a discussion about the recent Notice of Violation the Town received from Frank Erickson of the VT Agency of Natural Resources. Bruce Remick and Bob have been working together to mitigate the 7 items mentioned in the violation letter. Most have already been accomplished, a few small items need to be finalized and then Bruce will submit the Town's formal response and remediation plan to the State. The items identified were relatively simple to fix and with minimal cost to the Town.

7. Tabled from last meeting dated August 12, 2024, #5 Freeman Foundation.

-The Town was notified that a Grant has been approved for \$50,000 for structural work on the Community House. The Town is awaiting the formal Grant Agreement and terms, tabled until then.

8. Other Business.

-None.

9. NEK Broadband and CVFiber Merger Notification.

-Nek Broadband and CVFiber have merged their CUD's and are now one entity, the Selectboard has no questions or concerns with the merger.

10. Review and approve Order #24008 which was approved at the meeting of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for Grays paving in the amount of \$290,508.13 and \$86.53 for lunch and dinner for Primary Election Day.

-Reviewed and approved.

11. Request for Town Clerk and Treasurer Tammy Morin to attend 3 day Seminar on September 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> & 12 VMCTA Annual Conference in Montpelier.

-Request approved.

12. Review, approve, and sign Order #24009 for payment.

-Reviewed, approved, and signed.

13. Adjourn the meeting.

-Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm