

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday November 11th 2024

5:00 p.m.

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

Others present: N/A

1. Call the meeting to order.

A motion was made and seconded to call the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

2. Review and approve/make any changes/additions the minutes of October 28th 2024.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 28th 2024 meeting as written.

3. Make any changes/additions to the agenda as needed.

a. The Select Board discussed a recent concern that escrow payments made for payment of property taxes had been received after the October 31, 2024 deadline resulting in penalties to certain property owners in Morgan. The Select Board will be seeking more information regarding the timing of the payments to determine whether a systemic problem exists.

4. Let any guests speak.

No guests were in attendance.

5. NFI Discussion Level 1 Assessments.

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and our water system operator (Laramie Water Resources LLC) have been in discussion about coliform levels at the E Taylor Hatton School. Coliform is still present in the water system weeks after the well was shocked with chlorine and the well/building were flushed. DEC has requested a Level 2 Site visit and advised not to sample again until after that visit. It should be noted that this water has not been used for drinking for over two years due to high levels of PFAS which are being addressed through separate actions.

6. FY24 Grants in Aid award expired.

The Select Board determined that Grants In Aid funding was not used in 2024.

7. PFAS discussion continued.

The Select Board discussed the status of the ongoing PFAS testing at the E Taylor Hatton School and the project to identify an alternate source of uncontaminated water. We noted that we have now had three consecutive PFAS tests that are below the State of Vermont PFAS threshold. We are awaiting State of Vermont feedback as to further testing requirements.

8. Tabled from the last meeting dated October 28th 2024 #4 TH-16 Toad Pond Road Site #2 Hydraulics.

This item remains tabled, pending further discussions with FEMA regarding funding for flood mitigation efforts conducted after the July 30, 2024 flood event (FEMA DR4826).

9. Septic Maintenance at the school discussion, per Larry Labor.

Based on recent investigation of a septic smell at the E Taylor Hatton School, it has been determined that the occupants of the building may be introducing materials into the system that are clogging the septic system filters. It has been determined that the filters will be checked and flushed on a 6 month basis by our septic system contractor and that the tenant will bear the costs of this servicing.

10. Community House discussion on painter.

Vermont Preservation Trust (Freeman Foundation) has provided the names of a painter (Robert Langlands) and contractor (Jesse Villanueva) that have done good work for the Freeman Foundation on projects similar to our Community House Project. Eric will make contact to invite them to provide bids.

11. Email from David Love: E Taylor Hatton #6690- source and repeat drinking water monitoring required.

See Agenda Item #5.

12. Orders #24020 Accounts payable for \$69.86 to the Willoughby Lake Store for General election Lunch.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign Order #24020 for payment in the amount shown above.

13. Orders #24020A payroll in the amount of \$6,819.07 and Account's payable in the amount of \$27,561.70.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign Order #24020A for payment in the amounts shown above.

14. Orders #24021 in the amount of \$30,439.22 for accounts payable or regular road work for the month of October.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign Order #24021 for payment in the amount shown above.

15. Orders #24023 in the amount of \$3,089.00 for Field Road work storm #1. (NOT FEMA)

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign Order #24023 for payment in the amount shown above.

16. Order #24024 in the amount of \$1,685.50 for Winape Road work Storm #1. (NOT FEMA)

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign Order #24024 for payment in the amount shown above.

17. Order #24025 in the amount of \$2,660.50 for Gore Road South work Storm #1. (NOT FEMA)

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign Order #24025 for payment in the amount shown above.

The Following Orders are all road repair expenses associated with July 10-11, 2024 flooding events (FEMA DR4810) totaling \$89,204.00, which will be submitted for FEMA reimbursement.

18. Order #24026 in the amount of \$61,195.50 Toad Pond Road.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign Order #24026 for payment of \$61,195.50 to Shawn Austin Building Contractor's Inc., under the Town of Morgan road repair and maintenance contract.

19. Order #24027 in the amount of \$5,087.00 – Old Blake Farm Road.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign Order #24027 for payment of \$5,087.00 to Shawn Austin Building Contractor's Inc., under the Town of Morgan road repair and maintenance contract.

20. Order #24028 in the amount of \$10,189.50 – Williams Road.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign Order #24028 for payment of \$10,189.50 to Shawn Austin Building Contractor's Inc., under the Town of Morgan road repair and maintenance contract.

21. Order # 24029 in the amount of \$4,485.50 – Champigny Road.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign Order #24029 for payment of \$4,485.50 to Shawn Austin Building Contractor's Inc., under the Town of Morgan road repair and maintenance contract.

22. Order #24030 in the amount of \$4,148.50 – Water Street.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign Order #24030 for payment of \$4,148.50 to Shawn Austin Building Contractor's Inc., under the Town of Morgan road repair and maintenance contract.

23. Order #24031 in the amount of 4,098.00 – Jordan Road.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign Order #240231 for payment of \$4,098.00 to Shawn Austin Building Contractor's Inc., under the Town of Morgan road repair and maintenance contract.

24. Other Business.

None.

25. Adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.