



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES - DRAFT

MARCH 17, 2021

Present: Rock Webster, Tim Johnson, Bob Edmunds

Also Present: Rob Ramrath. Teleconference: Stan Butler.

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1. Call to order –

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

2. Review Agenda

A. Ambrose/Tague Access Permit – Notice of Permission to Proceed –

The application was tabled to a future meeting due to missing information.

B. EC Fiber Appointments –

The Selectboard appointed the following people to the Governing Board of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District: Daniel Leavitt, Richard Lancaster and Patrick Kell.

3. Public comments -

There were no public comments.

4. Review/Approve Minutes of 3/3/2021 –

The minutes were approved.

5. Old Business

A. GMP Authorization to install and maintain power lines along Eastman Road to Parcel 03-0205 –

The Authorization Request was missing important information regarding trenching & material specifications. The consideration was tabled to a future meeting pending delivery of specifications.

B. State reimbursement for DR4445 April 2019 Severe Storm \$126,969.38 –

The Selectboard reviewed the grant receipt.

C. Bob Edmunds Running for Selectboard Reelection –

The Selectboard directed Assistant Rob Ramrath to announce Bob Edmunds is running for Reelection to the Selectboard at the Town Meeting on the Town Website, listserv and push-email service.

6. Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) Annual Update –

The Selectboard reviewed the update materials and approved.

7. Liquor License renewals, multiple –

Multiple Liquor License renewals for Twin Farms were approved.

8. Town Meeting and budget clarification –

Tim Johnson reviewed cost reduction efforts for the tent for the in-person Town Meeting. The total cost is approximately \$5,400. for tent and supporting materials. Approximately \$400. is required for the tent reservation and final payment is due two weeks prior to the event. Tim made the point that future COVID-19 rules in place at the time approaching the Town Meeting may relax restrictions, allowing other approaches which may lower costs. The Selectboard authorized Rob Ramrath to send payment for the reservation. Additionally, the Selectboard re-opened consideration of taking an Australian Ballot approach to the Town Meeting, instead of the currently planned in-person approach. The Selectboard set a deadline of the next meeting, April 7, 2021 for a new decision, if any. Rob Ramrath reviewed a budget clerical error and a typographic error that went to print in the (to be released) Town Report. The Selectboard will make corrections at the time of the Town Meeting.

9. Highway Operations –

Highway operations were reviewed, no topics of note.

10. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 3/9/21, 3/16/21 –

The Town & Highway Orders were approved.

11. Executive Session – Employee issue –

The Selectboard went into Executive Session at 8:15 PM and closed the Executive Session at 8:35 PM.

12. Adjourn –

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rob Ramrath, Assistant to the Selectboard. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. Next regular meeting April 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Selectboard:

Rock Webster, Chair

Timothy Johnson

Robert Edmunds