



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES AUGUST 14, 2024

Present: Rock Webster, Bob Edmunds and Richard Lancaster

Also Present: Wes Hennig, Diane Rainey, Delmer Balch, Tarkin Clark, and Nick Stone.

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 7:00 PM

2. Review Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda

3. Public comments

Wes talked about the Transfer station operations. He noted that the oil barrels had been delivered, that a barrel dolly had shown up and that someone had shown an interest in taking the waste oil. Wes is planning to take paint to Bethel/Royalton and electronics to Evergreen within the next week. He called for the pick-up of the metal container, and he reminded Mountain Compost that the compost needed to be picked up weekly.

4. Review/Approve Minutes August 7, 2024

Minutes of the August 7, 2024, meeting will be reviewed at the August 21, 2024, meeting.

5. Executive Session for financial procedures and employee review.

Diane requested executive session to discuss sensitive employment and financial issues. The Selectboard voted to enter executive session at 7:05, to address Diane's concerns and to address employee reviews. The Selectboard exited Executive Session at 7:55 PM. Richard and Kassie will work out the invoice management process with Diane in the coming week. Bob Edmunds and Rock Webster will talk with Bob Cushman.

6. Old Business: Lakota Road Bridge, Lime Pond Bank Slide, and Culvert options.

The Selectboard discussed the Lakota Bridge project and the Lime Pond Road Culvert replacement project. Neither Jon Harrington nor Will Davis were present at the meeting. The costs for the temporary bridge at the Lakota site were discussed, and the end of the construction season were noted. There was also discussion regarding the increased height of the Lime Pond Road roadbed and how it would be preferable to have the bridge be the lowest point in the road at the stream crossing. The Selectboard wants to review with Will Davis the grades proposed in the Horizons plans. Both Will Davis and Jon Harrington will be reminded that the final plans are needed and will be invited to the August 21st meeting. Further research is needed on the alternate bridge options for both the Lakota bridge and Lime Pond culvert replacement.

7. Fable Farm Liquor License

The Fable Farm License was signed.

8. Status of ARPA Funding

Planning for the use of the remaining ARPA funds.

The issue of having split the Eben Farinas invoice between two different accounts was discussed. The Selectman authorized the entire invoice for the repair of the Town Hall steps to be paid out of the ARPA Funds as a repair to a municipal building.

The selectboard voted that the remaining funds will be used for a down payment on a John Deere 60 G compact excavator to replace the current wheeled excavator. Richard was directed to make the necessary billing arrangements with United Ag & Turf to expedite the use of the remaining ARPA funds. Richard will determine the remaining balance of the ARPA funds on Monday.

9. Other Business: Town & Highway Operations

The recent road material and waste disposal management invoices were approved.

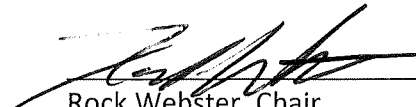
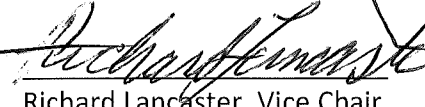

The approximate 20% increase in the Town`s health insurance was discussed. It was noted that the benefits paid to the road crew effectively increased the nominal per/hour rate by more than \$18.00/Hour

The formal employment paperwork for Kassie Hull as Town Administrator and Zoning Administrator will be completed next week, as the demands of the primary election interfered with normal Town Office operations this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes prepared by Richard Lancaster, Clerk of the meeting. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next regular meeting is August 21, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Offices.

Selectboard:

 Rock Webster, Chair	 Richard Lancaster, Vice Chair	 Robert Edmunds
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