



TOWN OF TOWNSHEND

Selectboard

PO Box 121 Townshend, Vermont 05353

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022 6:00 PM

Townshend Town Hall
and Zoom Virtual Meeting if possible

Approved: 4/12/2022

Present: Sherwood Lake, Katie Marrow, Steve Frisk, Rob Wright, Rob Swiger

In Attendance: Galen Robinson - BCTV Tech, Connie Holt,

MOP: Helen Holt

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Lakes calls the meeting to order at 5:56pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Wright makes a motion to approve the March 8, 2022 Selectboard meeting minutes. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.
3. **Additions and Deletions:** None
4. **Members of the Public:** None
5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Warrants:** Wright makes a motion to pay warrants 1 - 5. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

Payroll:	\$13,217.65
Payroll Taxes:	\$5,821.31
General Fund:	\$12,879.79
Highway:	\$10,761.19
Highway Equipment:	\$2,644.53

Wright also mentions a warrant of \$672,788.25 that is being paid this week to West River Modified Union School District. Lake states that in the future the school bill will be included with the Warrants.

7. **Reports:**

1. **Highway:** Frisk gives the highway report;
 - a. VTrans Small Equipment Grant Program: This grant program is to aid towns with Act 64 projects. Townshend applied for funds to purchase a Hydro-Seeder. We received the money so purchased a Hydro-Seeder for \$6,256.00. The town's local

match is \$1350.00. Wright makes a motion to approve spending \$1,350.00 for the purchase of a Hydro-seeder. Motion carries 4-0-1.

2. **Treasurer:** Lake gives the report. He reports that the People's account is \$563,003.00 after the school payment. He further reports that the town has \$78,627.00 in the General Fund prior to accounting for the reserves of \$144,619.00. This leaves a budgetary General Fund of negative \$65,992.00. This means that while we have money, we are in a budgetary deficit. This is because of the school payment and because of when the money comes in.

3. **Town Clerk:** No Report

4. **Chair:** No report

8. **Old Business:**

a. West River Valley 100% Renewable Electric Bus Project: Lake leads a discussion on the request to have the Selectboard sign on to the Statement of Support. Frisk states that he will not sign the statement of support because there are too many unanswered questions. Questions such as who will own the busses and the financial impact on the taxpayers. Wright adds that he is in support if there is no financial impact to the town. Marrow agrees that it feels hasty and there are unanswered questions. Swiger states that he agrees and if the organization wants to come to another Selectboard meeting to answer the questions then maybe he would consider it. Lake makes a motion to sign the West River Valley 100% Renewable Electric School Bus Project statement of support. Wright seconds the motion. Motion fails 0-5-0.

b. Approval of Thank you letters from Budget and Town Meeting: Lake asks the Selectboard if they agree to send the thank you letters. The Selectboard agrees.

9. **New Business:**

a. Signing the State of VT Road and Bridge Standards: Wright makes a motion to approve the VTrans Road and Bridge Standards. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

b. Liquor License submission by Big Picture Farm: Frisk makes a motion to approve a class 1 liquor license for Big Picture Farm. Wright seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

10. **Executive Session:** N/A

11. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022

12. **Adjournment:** Wright makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0. Meeting is adjourned at 6:14pm.