



TOWN OF TOWNSHEND

Selectboard

PO Box 121 Townshend, Vermont 05353

Selectboard Meeting Agenda

April 26, 2022 6:00 PM

Townshend Town Hall
and Zoom Virtual Meeting if possible

Approved: 5/10/2022

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

In Attendance: Brian Guerino - BCTV, Connie Holt

Members of the Public: Helen Holt

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Lake call the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Wright makes a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 Selectboard meeting. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.
3. **Additions and Deletions:** Lake announces two additions to the agenda;
 - a. Correspondence: Dam Inspection Letter
 - b. Old Business: Rescue Inc Contract
4. **Members of the Public:** None
5. **Correspondence:** Lake points out to the Selectboard the informational letter in their packet concerning the inspection of the Dam.
6. **Warrants:** Wright makes a motion to pay warrants 1 - 6. Frisk seconds the motion.

Payroll:	\$10,428.96
Payroll Taxes:	\$4,557.69
General Fund:	\$15,557.69
Highway:	\$4,863.65
Highway Equipment:	\$1,977.69
Restoration:	\$6,285.00
TOTAL:	\$43,902.53

Motion carries 5-0-0.

7. **Reports:**

1. **Highway:**

a. Frisk reports that it beaver season. There are three active sights of beavers in town. The trapper last year, Daniel Sherman, has decided not to trap this

year. Otto Tarbell has agreed to do beaver removal for \$65.00 per beaver. Wright makes a motion to hire Otto Tarbell to do beaver removal at \$65.00 per beaver removed. Swiger seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

b. This week Frisk is putting out two invitation to bid on two town projects;

i. Paving the remaining portion of Windham Hill and 211 feet of Island Drive. Only factor in completing project is the price of diesel. If it gets too high there will not be enough money to complete the project.

ii. Jaw crushing at the town pit.

2. **Treasurer:** Lake gives the treasurer report. Lake presents the bi-weekly trial balance re-cap report. The working fund balance is \$104,000.00 with a budget balance of negative \$40,611.00. The report shows that currently we are \$40,611.00 over budget. We are heading into tax collection in May which will bring in revenue.

3. **Town Clerk:** No report

4. **Chair:** No report

8. **Old Business:**

a. **West Townshend Stone Arch Bridge Project:** Charlie Marchant presents an update on the project.

i. Charlie, Steve, Sherwood, and Connie met to talk next steps. The Selectboard has questions about the revised project budget. Michel Weitzner is willing to meet regarding the revised budget. So, the Selectboard needs to decide if they want a smaller meeting or if they want Michael to come to a Selectboard meeting.

ii. The Town and the Historical Society need to put together a timeframe for the project. THS would like a targeted start date of April 1, 2023 on the condition that the money comes through.

iii. Once the project starts it has to be completed. It cannot be done in stages. This will mean that the bridge will be closed for the duration. THS is willing to help navigate the impact on the public. We are about to send out the spring THS newsletter. That will bring in money and questions about the project.

iii. Once the bridge repair is completed there will need to be a new road surface and parapets installed. That is the Town's jurisdiction not the jurisdiction of the Historical Society. Charlie and Robert DuGrenier have been researching parapets styles and have some suggestions on style. The current cement parapets are over 100 years old.

iiii. Charlie also points out the replacement of the Williamsville cement arch bridge. The project is a 4.5 million dollar project for a bridge that has not held up as long as the West Townshend Follet Bridge.

Lake asks the board what their preference is on a smaller meeting with Michael Weitzner or having him come before the board. The Selectboard present state they are ok with Steve and Sherwood meeting with Charlie and Michael. Frisk states that he will take the original project description to create the specifics of the invitation to bid. Charlie points out that Putney recently repaired a foot/bike arch bridge. They could be

a resource in the bid invitation. Frisk expects the bid to happen in September 2022 when bidders can see the bridge without snow.

b. **Rescue Inc Contract:** Lake reports that the Selectboard has received a copy of the Rescue Inc 3 year contract. He has been told that the situation with Brattleboro will not impact the rates for Townshend. The numbers quoted in the Rescue Inc contract are very similar to the ones voted on by town voters. Lake receives permission from the board members to sign on their behalf.

9. **New Business:**

a. **Replacing Lights in Town Hall:** Lake reports that he has received an invoice from Warren Beattie to replace the florescent lights in Town Hall. The new lights will be more energy efficient. The cost of the new lights with installation is \$1,615.00. The funds will come out of the ARDAG Fund. Frisk makes a motion to accept Warren Beatty's quote for the replacement of the lights at Town Hall. Wright seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0-0.

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

11. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, May 10, 2022

12. **Adjournment:** Wright makes a motion to adjourn. Frisk seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0. The meeting is adjourned at 6:26pm.