



TOWN OF TOWNSHEND

Selectboard
PO Box 121 Townshend, Vermont 05353

Selectboard Meeting Agenda December 26, 2023 6:00 PM Townshend Town Hall Approved: 1/11/24

Present: Sherwood Lake, Rob Wright, Katie Marrow, Haley Felker, Rob Swiger (via zoom)

In Attendance: Brian Guerino - BCTV, Connie Holt - SB Assistant

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Lake calls the meeting to order at 6:02pm
 2. **Approval of Minutes:** Wright makes a motion to approve the December 12, 2023 regular Selectboard meeting minutes. Marrow seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.
 3. **Additions and Deletions:** None
 4. **Members of the Public:** None
 5. **Correspondence:** None
 6. **Warrants:** Marrow makes a motion to approve warrants 1 - 5.

1. Payroll:	\$15,149.31
2. Payroll Taxes:	\$4,087.48
3. General Fund:	\$6,194.58
4. Highway:	\$7,610.91
5. Highway Equipment:	\$3,184.48
Total:	\$36,226.76
- Wright seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.
7. **Reports:**
 1. **Highway:** None
 2. **Treasurer:** Lake gives the report.

M&T Municipal Investment Fund: \$872,748.82
M&T Checking Account: \$30,000.00
General Fund True Balance Report: \$281,772.29
 3. **Town Clerk:** Lake gives the report. The Town Clerk brought in \$882.50 in fees and services.

4. **Chair:** None

8. **Old Business:**

a. **Road Name change request:** The Select Board takes up the recent request to reach a decision on the Taft Hill Trace road name change request from Mat Brody. Wright makes motion to allow Mat Brody a change of address to one on Gale Road. The motion is to assign him a number on Gale Road. Felker seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

9. **New Business:**

a. **West River Sno Goers Club request:** Lake reads the request of the snow mobile club to use certain parts of town roads. Wright makes a motion to allow the Sno Goers Club use of the roads listed in their request. Felker seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

b. **Draft Budget discussion and approval:** Lake presents the Select Board the draft budget for discussion.

a. The Board discusses the Planning Commissions proposed budget including a \$26,000.00 request for a new town plan. Andy Snelling and John Evans speak to the proposed budget. The Select Board asks questions and express concern about the \$26,000.00 for a Town Plan. Wright makes a motion to table the issue until the 1/9/24 Select Board meeting in order to give Windham Regional Commission time to submit revised costs. Marrow seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0.

b. The Budget Committee brings to the attention of the Board the significant increase in healthcare costs effective 1/1/2024. The increases are due to having a full staff on the road crew, and a 14% BCBS increase in premiums. The Budget Committees recommends paying the full cost of the increase through June 30, 2024. In the mean time, the committee recommends putting together a healthcare committee to research other options on healthcare.

10. **Executive Session:** None

11. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:00pm

12. **Adjournment:** Wright makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marrow seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0-0. The meeting is adjourned at 6:50pm.