

Preliminary Minutes

Town of Plymouth, Vermont

Select Board - Regular Meeting

Monday, July 17, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Board Members Present: Jay Kullman Rick Kaminski

Board Members Absent: Keith Cappellini

Staff Members Present: Angela Kissell Elaine Pauley

Others Present: Dave Olster Karen Evans Steve Radonis
James Tepper David Hartung Carol Goodwin
Frank Vetere Bruce Pauley Leanne Dunn (zoom)
Craig Obriskie (zoom) Mike OLoughlin
Okemo Valley TV (Peter van Gorder)

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Those Present:
 - a. Jay Kullman called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm followed by an introduction of those present.
2. Consideration of Any Changes, Additions or Removals to Agenda:
 - a. Review, Approve and Sign Grant Agreement in the amount of \$200,000 for Billings Bridge #40. Add after Highway Report.
 - b. Add Warn Meeting for STR Ordinance to Agenda.
3. Approve Meeting Minutes:
 - a. **Jay made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 19, 2023. Rick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
4. Discuss and Approve adding Town Clerk as authorized signer to Citizens Bank & M&T Bank Accts:
 - a. **Jay made a motion to approve adding the Town Clerk, Angela Kissell to the M&T Bank accounts as well as the Citizens Bank accounts. Rick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
5. Highway Report:
 - a. Rick Kaminski gave an update on the roads. He said how everyone is working diligently to get things opened back up. The majority of the roads are open and many are rough but passable. The Town is currently working with five (5) contractors.
 - b. Steve Radonis asked if the Town was going to help pay for any driveway damage.

- c. Rick said, probably not.
 - d. Rick said the AOT estimated the cost of road damage to be \$3,363,819.00.
 - e. Rick feels we can do better than that on the cost by using reclaimed materials and hopes that we will be whole again, by November.
 - f. There will be a lot of work as we have to write RFPs for each section of the roads.
 - g. Rick added on another note, 11 people used the Emergency Shelter. Everyone in Town has chipped in to help where needed.
 - h. Steve Radonis added that he and Chief Turner had been out looking at the roads to make sure the fire department can gain access with the fire truck.
 - i. Rick said that there will be a field office coming for FEMA.
6. Review and Possibly Approve RFP for Billings Bridge #40 Project:
- a. Two proposals had been submitted for the Billings Bridge #40 Project
 - 1. Daniels Construction \$239,425.00
 - 2. Cold River Bridges, LLC \$347,820.00
 - b. Rick and Jay wanted time to review the BIDS as they were both being seen for the first time at the meeting.
 - c. The Grant Agreement for Billings Bridge #40 Project in the amount of \$200,000 was received.
 - d. There is enough money in the bridge fund to cover the difference between the cost to repair and the grant amount.
 - e. **Jay made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement. Rick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
7. Warn a Meeting for STR Ordinance:
- a. Jay announced that we would be having a meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm: to see if voters will approve or disapprove of the May 15, 2023 Select Board Amendments to the Town Short-Term Rental Ordinance.
 - b. Jay re-read the petition that was submitted by Steve Radonis at last month's meeting.
 - c. There was a discussion on whether or not to allow non-voters to be able to speak at the meeting next month.
8. Vermont Bond Bank – Grant approval:
- a. Jay Kullman updated everyone that the Town got approval from the Vermont Bond Bank.
 - b. The loan is in the amount of \$800,000 and it is for a 25-year term.
 - c. Jay outlined all of the documents that were included in the package and they were executed.
9. Town Clerk & Treasurer Updates:
- a. Elaine Pauley, Treasurer gave an update on when the tax bills will be going out as well as couple inserts that will be included. There will be a direct debit form for people to complete and return to have automatic debit from a checking and/or savings account as well as an informational insert.
 - b. Angela Kissell, Town Clerk said that Plymouth's Land Records from 2016 or so going forward can be accessed online. We are adding more each week and the goal is to get 40 years on as soon as possible.
 - c. Angela also added, that if you would like to be on an email blast to receive the Select Board agenda, please call or send her an email and she will add you to the Meeting Agenda group.
10. Mail and Warrants:
- a. Mail was opened and Warrants were signed.

11. Other Business:

- a. Rick Kaminski mentioned that the Town might need a 3-million-dollar line of credit to pay for fixing the roads. We would then be reimbursed from FEMA.

12. Possible Executive Session:

- a. The Select Board went into Executive Session at 6:50 pm.
- b. Executive Session ended at 7:35 pm.

13. Adjourn:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Kissell
Town Clerk
Recording Secretary

Select Board

Jay Kullman, Chairman

Rick Kaminski

Keith Cappellini