

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 25th, 2025 @ 6:30pm

In attendance:

Selectboard

Board Secretary

Citizen

Reginald Bunnell – chair

Terri L. Williams

Robert Peters Sr

Raymond Terry Williams

Dawn Peters

Tyler Fournier

CALL TO ORDER

Reg called the meeting to order at 6:30

APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of February 25th, 2025 selectboard meeting were approved

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS/REQUESTS/INPUT

none

REPORT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER:

Mitigation work is still in process but hopefully it is getting near the end.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

Oaths of office for the select board were given.

Appointed positions in the town were decided with the exception of a few that the selectboard will reach out to get filled.

Reginald Bunnell was reelected as board chair.

Time and date of future meetings will remain the same – the last Tuesday of each month starting at 6:30

R Terry agreed to be Tree Warden but suggested that John Noble be reached to see if he is still interested.

Overweight permits got signed

Deb Bunnell agreed to send out a survey to see how the town feels about keeping or taking down the town shed. It is a liability hazard to the town. Included in the survey will be a question as to how residents want to be communicated with in case there is a need such as if the garbage truck won't be coming on its regular schedule.

The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Force offered a grant opportunity for new hydrants and for maintenance on existing hydrants. The board feels that there is no need at this time.

There was a complaint about the gate to Appleton Cemetery being locked. Reg explained that it was due to snow machines going in there during the winter. When the snow is gone, he will unlock the gate.

A suggestion was made to have a dumpster available in the town in case of another garbage situation as we had last month. The board agreed that having a dumpster was not a good idea as it would be misused.

The action to have a tax levy transfer is on hold for now.

Terri presented the documents from the Holiday In The Hills Preservation Group to show their tax-exempt status. Robert Peters Sr and Dawn Peters attended the meeting and pleaded their case as to why the organization should be tax exempt. In the end, the board voted 3 to 0 to make the organization tax exempt.

There is a new 911 address on Porrell Road. Bruce Quimby's garage and land did not have an address, so the 911 coordinator created an address per Bruce's request. This line item brought out discussion about attaching 911 address signs at people's properties in sight of the road to help responders locate for emergencies. Terri Lynn mentioned that number signs can be purchased from the East Burke Fire Department for \$30. That information can be found in the town report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tool Shed – as mentioned above, Deb will be sending out a survey. In the meantime, Reg will put no trespassing signs on the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

R Terry met with Logan Parron about opportunities to receive two more road grants. He then checked with Casey Houghton to see if he would have time to do the work if the grants were awarded to us. Casey said he could make it happen. R Terry checked with the rest of the selectboard to see if they felt we should go ahead with this opportunity. The board agreed that the town should go ahead and apply for the grants. Terri Lynn will check with the bank to make sure her name is on the \$100,000 line of credit in case it is needed for all the extra road work that will be happening this summer.

The Cow Mountain Pond folks need new signposts for the trails. Reg asked the board if he should pick up some for the town to have on hand while he was picking up the others. The board agreed that he should pick up a half dozen.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The schoolhouse - Reg mentioned that the back door to the schoolhouse was open, so he closed it. Terri Lynn will check to see if we have insurance on the schoolhouse. R Terry will continue to keep an eye out for a grant opportunity to fix the school up.

Linda Martellucci felt that she was unable to audit during the times that worked best for the other two auditors, and didn't want to make it difficult for the others so she decided it was best to resign. Linda is hoping there will be a time in the future that she can find a way to help out. The board thanked Linda for making the attempt to help the town out. With the position now vacant the board appointed Shelly Houde as auditor.

ADJOURN:

Reg Bunnell adjourned the meeting at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Board Secretary

Terri L. Williams

Approved by the select board

Chair _____

Member _____

Member _____