

# August 21, 2023

## Select Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Select Board Members: Jay Marsh, Carlos Martin, Chris Mann

Road Commissioner: Hunter Locke

Library Trustee: Chrissy Wade

1. Adjustments or Changes to Agenda:
2. Hunter and Select Board discussed the fact that Wayne Tobin has decided to get done doing road work for the Town. Hunter had prices from other towns and companies that may have a road grader available to the Town. He will try checking with Johnson and Bakersfield. Hunter and Board discussed mowing and brush hogging of roads, as well as putting up the winter sand pile. May wait to do gravel next year. After looking at and discussing bids, Hunter is going to tell Bob Edwards he can start working on Plot Road and Coddling Hollow Road projects.
3. Eric Bornemann, Sustainable VT, will meet with Shawn LaRose and Select Board on 8/29 at 5:00 to look at Town sites for possible solar installation (ARPA \$ would be used).
4. Chrissy Wade had some updated specific goals. Minimum standards are not required for municipal library. Some standards are probably too stringent, such as paid employees/staff. What they would like is to preserve town library and history of town. Still looking into grants and needs assessment. Handicap accessibility would be nice. LCPC is looking into different grants for upgrade. They will have results of that at next Planning Board Committee meeting. September 11<sup>th</sup> is next Library meeting.
5. Anthony DeGreenia is approved by Select Board to become a member of the Waterville Planning Committee.
6. Reviewed and Approved Minutes of 08/07/2023 Select Board Meeting.
7. Approved Orders/Bills to be paid.

6:00 p.m.

Scott Johnson and Lucy Rogers joined the meeting to discuss Town ARPA funds

- Lucy is working to get access to the river by the Church Street Bridge. Owner of red house kicking people out of river when they don't have the power to do this.
- Select Board, Shawn and any other that would like will meet with Eric Bornemann on 8/29 regarding solar possibilities. Lucy looked into any matching funds. She hasn't heard back yet. Shawn also asked Eric about possibility of having heat pumps for town buildings.
- Some money might be allocated for roads (specifically gravel).
- Scott Johnson mentioned committing to two years for sheriff's presence. Committee is open to it, if LCSD has the personnel.
- Lucy wondered about having a portable speed sign. It's been discussed before and is quite expensive. Might be simpler once we are contracted with the Sheriff's Department.
- Scott put forth the idea of setting any leftover ARPA funds that haven't been allocated aside and asking Town for input for the remaining money at the 2024 Town Meeting. Everyone agreed.
- Solar funds are up in the air, but ARPA Committee is committed to it.
- This is the last ARPA Committee meeting. Present projects that have been previously discussed will be moved forward and remaining funds will be discussed at next Town Meeting.

Motion made by Jay and seconded by Carlos to Adjourn. Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy LaRose, Town Clerk