

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING THURSDAY JANUARY 9, 2025 AT 5:30PM

Present: Steve Barrup, Jerry Waterman, Richard Gosselin, Bob Best, Audora Pitts, Matt Wilson, Mike Baraw, Steve Edgerley, Ernest Choquette, Denise Daigle

Steve called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/5 and 12/24 meetings. This passed on a voice vote.

Appearances by local citizens/visitors – Audoro stated she is doing a monthly fire report on towns each month and wondered who she should contact. Denise gave her the fire chief, Jason Willis, contact information. Matt Wilson asked what the board's thoughts were now that the ground breaking with Rural Edge was done. The board stated that they think this a wonderful project and a great project for the town.

Road Commissioner Report – Mike stated things have been going well with the roads. The new truck should be here any day now. Mike reported on equipment repairs/upkeep. Mike stated the gravel crushing did not happen this year. Mike said we do have some gravel crushed down at the pit. Mike brought to the board a question/concern with regard to objects in the town right of way. He asked the board if the town would be liable if the plows accidentally hit something in that right of way. There was some discussion and the board thanked Mike for bringing this to their attention.

Water/Sewer/Solar/Recycling Report – Mike stated they fixed a water leak on Eastern Avenue this past week. Nothing to report on sewer. Jerry stated the solar panels seem to be working fine. Steve stated the waste district board finalized their budget for 2025.

Rick reviewed the sheriff's report. The board expressed frustration with the sheriff's department and their lack of issuing tickets.

The board stated that the amount of \$107,440.76 which is the amount in the resolution signed at the December 24, 2024 meeting be used for projects already approved or to be approved by the board. The board voted to restrict the amount of \$14802.00 from the boat greeter program for year 2025.

Steve made a motion to approve the orders, bank statement and journal entries, seconded by Rick and passed on a voice vote.

Unfinished/new business – Rick stated he received an email regarding the Vermont Ethics Liaison. The board will be on the lookout for further information. The board scheduled a special board meeting for January 15, 2025 at 8AM to discuss the budget for 2025.

Voted to adjourn at 6:20PM.