

Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
June 15, 2022

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Francis Wyatt, Steven Nicholson. Road Commissioner: Jamie Carrara. Auditors: Rich Biziak, Sandy Bragg. Fire Dept: Barry Griffith. Tree Warden: Gary Salmon. Conservation Commissioner: Cynthia Thornton. Lister: Sharon Winnicki. Treasurer: Linda McGuire. Town Clerk: Megan LaChance.

Members of the Public: Gary Martin, Chryl Martin.

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: Read Cashel letter and Authorization for the Treasurer to borrow funds. S. Nicholson seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): The demise of our Ash trees is just a matter of time, unless inoculated. We only have to deal with the potentially hazardous trees. Sharon Winnicki would like for us to inoculate some of the trees. Trees that are already diseased are more expensive to cut because they are hazardous. Should look into whether ARPA funds could be used to remove or inoculate trees. Inoculation only lasts for two years. GMP will only deal with the trees after there has been EAB presence identified in town.

Gary has a tree inventory, but not in computer format. Cynthia Thornton offered to help get it into Excel format.

Unrelated to the EAB issue, Gary Salmon provided a list of tree work that is needed on Town property.

Parcel Mapping: A. Korzun made a motion to approve the Cartographic Associates, Inc. (CIA Technologies) Tax Map Maintenance Proposal. S. Nicholson seconded. Approved.

Kinsman Hill Repeater: Lease has been transferred to the new owners (Ott). A. Korzun suggests that we renew the lease for another 10 years in September when the current lease expires. The other Selectboard members agree.

ARPA Funds: We currently have the following possible ideas for ARPA funds (\$293,844):

1. Digitizing land records
2. Town copier/printer/scanner
3. Website improvement
4. Solar panels on town buildings
5. Culverts
6. Broadband for parts of town not served by VTel
7. Pierce's Coop revenue losses
8. Library inability to fund raise due to COVID - \$8,852.
9. Fire Dept for first responder personal protective equipment to address COVID issues.
10. Remove or inoculate Ash trees in hazardous areas.
11. Town office audio visual (AV)
12. Upgrade to Kinsman Hill Repeater
13. Meeting House ventilation system
14. Town Office internet upgrade

It's unclear whether non-municipal organizations can qualify for ARPA funds unless they indicate specifically what the funds will be spent on. This needs to be clarified.

Town Statement Audit - RFP: Rich Biziak has provided a revised RFP for the Town Statement Audit. RFP response deadline by August 15, 2022. Request an update halfway through the process? No, but ensure that there is plenty of time to discuss with the auditors. Rich will provide a revised RFP before the Selectboard's next meeting.

Town Website: We're back to needing to find a website developer. Ahmet is no longer interested. Megan will attend a video conference being held by another website host targeted to Vermont towns. Make sure that we own the data on our town website.

New Business: A. Korzun made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds as needed to pay bills from the reserve funds to be paid back with interest, until taxes are collected. S. Nicholson seconded. Approved.

Aaron Korzun read a letter from the Cashels to the Selectboard regarding parties at their property. The letter stated that they are only having parties for friends and family and not receiving compensation.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 6/1/2022 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by S. Nicholson. Approved.

Review Orders: F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #6a for \$10,549.53 and Road Orders #6a for \$55,861.51. \$47,446.94 is transfer from equipment reserve fund for John Deere lease payment. Seconded by S. Nicholson. Approved.

Adjourned at 9:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Francis Wyatt

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.