

Minutes Of Selectboard Meeting January 17th, 2024

Present at Meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt by phone. Administrative Assistant: Megan White. Board of Listers: Scott Ryan, Clair Krueger Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Devon Neary, Greg Poelker. Members of the public: Rebecca Rice. Justice of the Peace: Barry Griffith

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM.

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with no following additions: Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Reappointment Of Fire Wardens: Appointment of Fire Warden Kevin Brown for the term starting July 1st, 2023, to June 30th, 2028. Al Ridlon, Jr. for Deputy Warden for the same term. A. Korzun makes a motion to approve. F. Wyatt Seconded. Approved.

Municipal Technical Assistance Program: This MTAP Federal ARPA Program dollars go to small towns. Through this new grant program small towns were not getting their fair share. This program decided to give their PC's money directly, to then apply to these small towns. Towns were ranked by compacity and need. Towns making it into the top 25% ranking have been approved and reviewed. Next round is 50 -70% ranking, Shrewsbury is in this bracket. Originally these grants had a tight fit criterion. They have now loosened the criteria to work better for the towns. The amount Shrewsbury could be awarded would depend on the type of program we choose to apply for depending on projects the town is needing to complete. There are no obligations and if the town decides to not partake there are no penalties. A. Korzun makes a motion to accept the Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP). F. Wyatt seconds. Approved.

Appointment of Town Clerk: Marc Cimonetti has been filling in as the Town Clerk. He feels he cannot maintain the position with the additional responsibilities of the pending election and the importance of preparing for the Town Meeting. The Selectboard recognizes the need to appoint a Town Clerk who can dedicate time to the position and responsibilities. The Selectboard is in no way intending to give favor or endorse a particular candidate. The priority is to fill this position by appointing a town clerk who has knowledge of the legal formalities and would be suited to assist the town in the election process. For the good of the Town of Shrewsbury, A. Korzun motions to appoint Rebecca Rice as Town Clerk. M. Cimonetti seconded. F. Wyatt recuses himself. The motion passed 2-0.

Justice of the Peace Barry Griffith swore Rebecca Rice in as the Shrewsbury Town Clerk.

Excess Weight Permit: Barrett Trucking requests excess weight permit. Their insurance is in order. A. Korzun made a motion to accept the permit. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Board of Listers Report: The Listers gathered for a meeting last week. Discussed thoughts on how the team of listers moves forward taking inconsideration how complex the job has

become. The listers mention the need to consider hiring someone professional with years of training to fill this position to best serve the town.

Budget 2024: Discussed and reviewed budget.

New Business: The radios for the town road crew are down once again due to the Kinsman Hill repeater failure. Jamie Carrara is going to work with the Central Vermont Communications on a better solution.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 1/3/2024 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Review Orders: A. Korzun made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #1a for \$2,401.81. and Road Orders # 1a for \$21,477.92 Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved

Reconvenes: 1/29/2024 @ 6 Pm

Respectfully submitted,
Megan White

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