

Bridport Selectboard Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2024
Town Office 6:00 pm



Selectboard Present: Tim Howlett (Chair), David Bronson, Bob Sunderland, Drexel Wheeler. Also Present: Julie Howlett (Town Clerk), Katie Shimel (Town Treasurer), Dusty Huestis (Road Foreman), Dinah Bain (LFICD), Jerry Forbes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Howlett at 6:02 pm.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Secretary's Report: Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 Selectboard meeting. Drexel seconded, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Bob made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$330,327.02. David seconded, motion passed.

DPW Operations & Finance: Drexel made a motion to sign the Certificate of Highway. Bob seconded, motion passed.

New Business:

Jerry Forbes: Jerry requested to speak to two Selectboard members privately. Bob & Drexel spoke with him in the outer office.

Town Meeting: Town meeting is March 5th, the business meeting will begin at 10:30 am.

Town Warning: Drexel made a motion to add an article to the warning and ask the voters if they would vote by Australian Ballot on whether to withdraw from the LFICD at a later date. Bob seconded, motion passed.

Old Business:

Middlebury Regional EMS Agreement: No discussion, they had already sent in their request for funds.

Requests for Social Services: No discussion.

Office & Hall Roof: The contractor told David they might be able to do the work as soon as mid-February.

ARPA: The ARPA Committee will meet on January 10th at 6pm. David proposed an amendment to the procurement policy for ARPA money to be in compliance obligating money for contracts.

Budget FY 2024-2025: Worked on the budget.

Other Business: Neighbors are still complaining about Bella. Drexel made a visit to the dog owner and the dog is wearing a bark collar and is on a leash. The dog owner has done everything we have asked and the Selectboard believes it is now a civil matter and will have a lawyer send a letter to the neighbors.

Executive Session: Bob made a motion to go into executive session. Drexel seconded, motion passed. Entered into executive session at 8:54 pm. Exited executive session at 9:59 pm. No action taken.

Adjourn: Bob made a motion to adjourn. Drexel seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,