

Bridport Selectboard Meeting
Monday, May 8, 2023
Town Office 6:00 pm



Selectboard Present: Tim Howlett (Chair), David Bronson, Drexel Wheeler, Bob Sunderland, Pierre Bordeleau. **Also Present:** Julie Howlett (Town Clerk), Dusty Huestis (Road Foreman), Mike Sheets (Maple Broadband), Rick Scott (Maple Broadband), Renee Brodner (Planning Commission), Sharron Macklin (Planning Commission)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Howlett at 6:00 pm.

Public Comment: Mike Sheets from Maple Broadband gave a report on the progress of Waitsfield Telecom in Bridport. Maple Broadband would like a pledge of \$40,000.00 from ARPA funds before May 31, 2023.

Secretary's Report: Bob made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Drexel seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$1,063,334.92. Pierre seconded, motion passed.

DPW Operations & Finance:

Sign Certificate for Road & Bridge Standards: David made a motion to sign the Certification of Compliance for Town Roads and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory. Bob seconded, motion passed.

Review Waitsfield Telecom Cable Plans for Approval: Dusty has been given authority by the Selectboard to discuss and amend the plans Waitsfield Telecom has presented to the Town with regards to burying fiber cable.

Paving: Dusty would like to pave everything around the park to Basin Harbor Road. Dusty applied for Regional planning Grants & Aids for 2023 for Market Road to East Street culvert and Lovers Lane culvert. Dusty will be riding around with Todd Eaton from VT Local Roads to have him look at areas that Dusty has questions about. Looking into a line-stripping grant from VT Safety Grant.

Culvert & Bridge report:

Rattlin Bridge Road: Katie is working on Cat Z.

New Business:

Sign Certificate of No appeal or suit pending: Bob made a motion to sign the certificate. Pierre seconded, motion passed.

VT Council of Real (Rural) development: Rene and Sharron presented a 3-minute video on VCRD Community Visit program to help the town facilitate three meetings and help develop three project ideas for the town. Pierre made a motion to send a letter of interest to VCRD for the year 2025. Drexel seconded, motion passed.

Municipal Energy Resilience Grant: David will invite Madison from Addison County Region planning to a board meeting to discuss the program and explain the process for a building energy assessment.

Replacement Gravestones: The Cemetery Commission will be transporting stones to Williston or Morrisville to have them engraved.

Extra furniture in town office: The Chuck Huestis table will go upstairs to the firehouse and we will put unused items outside for free or send them to scrap metal.

Old Business:

ARPA: The ARPA committee has had a few meetings, projects suggestions include generators for the firehouse and town office, pavilion and landscaping, picnic tables, fixing the tennis court/ basketball court and include pickle ball.

Other Business: Fire Dept. has an open house/ recruitment Saturday May 13, 2023 free breakfast.

Pierre made a motion to enter in to executive session for personal concerning vacation time. Bob seconded, motion passed.

Executive Session: entered into executive session at 8:44 pm. Exited Executive Session at 9:06 pm. No action taken.

Adjourn: Bob made a motion to adjourn. Pierre seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,