

**Bridport Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, April 10, 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), Katie King (Town Treasurer), Rick Scott (Maple Broadband), Mike Sheets (Maple Broadband), JoAnne Kenyon

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

**Public Comment:** JoAnne Kenyon thanked DPW for keeping the roads well maintained over the winter. She was wondering why the gravel on Frosty Lane was so loose after grading; it is hard to ride a bicycle on. Dusty explained it has to do with the moisture when the road was graded and the separation in the gravel because it was too dry and it did not pack down. It will pack down once it rains. Mike Sheets & Rick Scott gave a report on the state of Waitsfield Telecoms progress on installing fiber optic in town. Everything is on schedule and Bridport should have fiber by September.

**Secretary's Report:** Pierre made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2023 Selectboard meeting. Drexel seconded, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Drexel made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$74,469.59. Pierre seconded, motion passed.

**DPW Operations & Finance:** DPW has been busy grading and filling holes, everything is looking good. Dusty will apply for a MRGP grant for a culvert on Market Road. He has applied for a Structures rant for Potash Bridge and a Class 2 paving grant for Lake Street

**Culvert & Bridge report:**

**Rattlin Bridge Road:** Katie will finish the Cat Z paperwork.

**New Business:**

**Approve Pratt's Tobacco & Liquor License:** Bob made a motion to approve Pratt's tobacco & liquor license. Pierre seconded, motion passed.

**Homeward Bound Dog Contract:** Bob made a motion to go with option #1 for \$450.00. Drexel seconded, motion passed.

**Mowing Contract:** David made a motion to accept Dean Degray's proposal for lawn care services. Bob seconded, motion passed.

**Reappraisal Letter from the state:** Waiting to hear from Chris from Nemrc regarding the letter from the State.

**Old Business:**

**2023 Appointments:** David made a motion to appoint Rick Scott as delegate and Mike sheets as alternate to the Governing Board of Maple Broadband Communications Union District. Bob seconded, motion passed. David made the motion effective as of March 13, 2023, Steve Decarlo is appointed as the acting Zoning Administrative Officer with the same duties and responsibilities of and until a Zoning

Administrative Officer is appointed unless sooner terminated by the Selectboard. Bob seconded, motion passed.

**ARPA:** The ARPA Committee will meet Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6pm.

**Federal Audit:** The opinion of the CPA from Sullivan, Powers & Co., Katie Buckley, head of federal money for the State and Mike from Public Safety, the town needs and audit for 2023 not 2022.

**Other Business:** no other business

**Executive Session:** no executive session

**Adjourn:** Pierre made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded, motion passed.  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,