

Bridport Selectboard Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2023
Town Office 6:00 pm



Selectboard Present: Tim Howlett (Chair), David Bronson, Steve Huestis, Bob Sunderland, Pierre Bordeleau. **Also Present:** Julie Howlett (Town Clerk), Dusty Huestis (Road Foreman), Katie King (Town Treasurer), Irene Zaccor (Auditor)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Howlett at 6:01 pm.

Public Comment: Irene Zaccor said the Audit is finished and the Town Report is at the printers. When reports are ready, a date needs to be set to present the dedication.

Secretary's Report: David made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, & 18, 2023 Selectboard meeting. Steve seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$70,450.05. Pierre seconded, motion passed.

DPW Operations & Finance:

Dusty will be on vacation for the rest of this week. Rick is going to haul stone and Mike is grading the roads and filling potholes. The Annual Town Roads & Bridge Standards was signed by the Selectboard. Dusty will apply for a Class 2 Paving Grant to pave 3 miles of Lake Street and a Structure Grant for a new deck on Potash Bridge.

Culvert & Bridge report:

Rattlin Bridge Road: David made a motion to reimburse the Town for \$41,476.98 to replace Town funds used on final payment for the Rattlin Bridge Road project and to send \$1,292,694.27 to pay down the loan from the National Bank of Middlebury. Steve seconded, motion passed.

New Business:

Personnel: To be discussed in Executive Session

Old Business:

2023 Appointments: Tim and Pierre will reach out to current appointees to confirm interest in continuing their Town appointments for 2023.

Emergency Shelters: Katie spoke with Linda Barrett about the procedure to use the school as a primary emergency shelter. Linda said to open the school when needed and call her to let her know. The Fire Department and Eric Warren have keys to the building.

Town Meeting: Discussed the logistics of Town Meeting Day.

ARPA: The ARPA Committee has met twice. The next meeting is on hold until Mike Sheets & Rick Scott and the Maple Broadband representative can meet with Champlain Valley Telecom to gather information on a timeline for broadband in Bridport. Bob has a connection to possibly purchase a big screen tv and the audio/video equipment at a low cost to be used in the office for public meetings. Other suggestions for ARPA funds are refurbish the tennis court and a pavilion.

Federal Audit: Katie received an email from the CPA from Sullivan, Powers, & Company regarding the letter from David Bronson concerning award dates vs actual expenditure dates. Katie will call and discuss with the CPA.

Other Business: Pat Clohessy will start the modification of the office in March. Discussion on whether to give a Town bank statement as proof of payment requested by Zonolite Attic Insulation Trust for a rebate on the removal of asbestos.

Executive Session: Pierre made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel. Bob seconded, motion passed. Entered into Executive Session at 6:56 pm. Exited Executive Session at 8:05 pm.
No Action taken.

Adjourn: Bob made a motion to adjourn. Steve seconded, motion passed.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,