

Bridport Selectboard Meeting
Monday, January 9, 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), Renee Brodeur (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: Renee Brodeur and Sharron Macklin from the Planning Commission spoke about the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Community Visit Program. The Selectboard will read over the material and discuss this after town meeting has settled.

Secretary's Report: Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 Selectboard meeting. Pierre seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$278,519.72. Pierre seconded, motion passed.

DPW Operations & Finance:

DPW has been busy grading roads and cutting brush & trees.

Culvert & Bridge report:

Rattlin Bridge Road: The new culvert started to washout and will require a few loads of rip rap. J. Hutchins is coming to look at it tomorrow.

New Business:

2023 Appointments: Discussed reaching out to appointees to ask if they would be interested in continuing with their appointments for 2023.

Emergency Shelters: Discussed a need for a plan when the power goes out for a considerable amount of time in the winter. Julie will contact Eric Warren and ask how the Town can access the school if needed.

2023 Town Warning: The Selectboard will meet on January 18, 2023 at 6pm to finalize the budget and approve the warning.

Delinquent Taxes: Discuss the potential of legal action for three properties with multiple years past due.

Town Meeting: The Town will hold a traditional Town meeting this year beginning at 10:30 am.

Old Business:

Budget 2023-2024: Will discuss this at the Special Selectboard meeting January 18, 2023 at 6pm.

ARPA: ARPA meeting Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6pm.

Federal Audit: After consulting Sullivan, Powers & Company, the Town can not spend ARPA money until July 1, 2023 because it will cause a \$50,000.00 audit of all Town funds instead of a program specific audit.

Other Business: No Other Business.

Executive Session: No Executive Session

Adjourn: Steve made a motion to adjourn. Pierre seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,