

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting

Jan. 23, 2024

Unapproved

Board members present: Koran Cousino, Carin McCarthy, David Schmidt, John Painter, Eric Cota

Others present: Robert Turner, Jeff Dunham, Margi Gregory, Tom Estey

Koran Cousino called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m. at the Starksboro Town Clerk's office.

Review agenda: Robert suggested extending the Town Meeting warning discussion by 10 minutes.

Public comment: None.

Town Hall Project: Jeff Dunham presented the variance request form to the Selectboard for signature.

Conservation Commission: The Conservation Commission is applying for a reimbursement grant and is looking for a letter of support of the Selectboard.

Motion: Carin McCarthy motioned to sign the letter of support and authorize spending up to \$8,692.08 to be reimbursed by the grant. John Painter second. Motion approved unanimously.

Budget: Robert Turner is concerned about our cash flow in the short term due to spending after the July 2024 flood. While we will get reimbursed for most expenses, it could take a while before we see that money.

Budget discussion ensued.

Action: Amanda Vincent to find or create a spreadsheet of maintenance.

Action: Eric Cota to check in with Josh Martell about needing to use salt to mix with sand.

Jerusalem Schoolhouse and Firehouse: The Selectboard wants to move forward with putting the Jerusalem Schoolhouse and Firehouse project on the warning.

Action: Carin McCarthy to reach out to VLCT about borrowing from cash reserves.

Current Business:

Motion: Eric Cota motioned to sign the VT Alert Implementation Form. Seconded by Carin McCarthy.

Action: Appoint Dan Kuzio as Deputy Emergency Management Director at the first February Selectboard meeting.

February Selectboard Meetings will be Monday the 10th and Thursday the 19th, both taking place at 6:30pm.

Motion: Carin McCarthy motioned to approve the hiring of a Zoning Consultant at a rate of up to \$50 per hour for up to 60 hours. Second by John Painter. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: Eric Cota moved to approve the warrants for A/P and payroll. Second by John Painter. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: Carin McCarthy moved to approve the minutes for 1/8 and 1/15 with the correction of typos on the January 8th minutes. Second by John Painter. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: Carin McCarthy motioned to enter executive session per 1 VSA §313(a)(1) re: personnel. Second by John Painter. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: Carin McCarthy moved to exit the executive session with no action taken. Second by John Painter.

Motion: Eric Cota moved to adjourn. Second by John Painter. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator