

Select Board Minutes

Feb 8, 2022

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Will Neilson, Brett Jensen, Phine Ewing, Don Kornrumpf, Michael Kreindler, Michele Gaillard

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

Review and approve agenda --Approved

Items for Approval

- Minutes, January 25, 2021 – Approved as amended

- Warrants Warrant #15 for \$84,206.68 -- Approved

Town Audit Completion

- Almost done – they will be working on it Friday; DeeDee will check if the auditors have received the SB minutes they need

6:15 ABA Update - Don Kornrumpf

- No warrant yet for CMP because no final confirmation of amount
- Little Barn Visit – Looked terrific, Kudos to Malcom & the Property Committee
 - Only issue is figuring out the connection of fiber
 - Just need equipment to resolve
- Don will be speaking w/ Brett this week re next FRS which Don Hudson will file thereafter
- Don has sent a memo on the latest: we will be going back to the traditional Make Ready procedure with CCI & CMP, not the “one-touch” procedure Tilson b/c looks like delay of 6-12 months on Fiber; save by using CCI and avoid having to return to the USDA legal department where contracts take an inordinately long time to get approved, as we know from our woeful experience
- Updated cashflow will be distributed soon
- Don spoke with Dean Mischke of Finley today, who supported the idea of using traditional MR
- We got a few changes in the terms of payment in the CMP & CCI Pole Attachment Agreements (“PAAs”), and Mischke and Tim Brooks advise the standard PAAs don’t require USDA legal review
- Both PAAs will require a surety bond
- Finley will be ready with their engineering plan in ca 30 days and then can work on putting together an RFP for construction, the responses to which will finally clarify what our real costs are likely to be to construct the system
- Tilson started work ahead of finalizing contract; Don has sent an email saying to stop work as USDA was requiring approval of the contract and insisting on counting the expenditure against the already more-than-maxed-out budget for Engineering Services rather than the as yet untouched and hopefully ample Make Ready budget

- We will make a budget revision request soon to try to get the Engineering Services budget increased by the amount of the savings realized by using the Little Barn as the housing for the central office equipment, so we hopefully can re-pay the money drawn down from our Bath Savings Inst. Credit facility that the USDA required us to deposit in the “DACA” account

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Climate Resilience Project Letter of Approval – ACC

- Approved with thanks to Phine for getting confirmation that there is no financial obligation to the Town implied by the Letter of Approval

Recycling Grant – ARSWC

- Will will confirm that Nadine knows there has not been any litigation for the past 5 years (Done)

Range Lights property update

- No news yet; have not gotten an estimate from local realtors; waiting to find out what the minimum bid will be from the govt;

Any Other Business

- Handicap ramp has been blocked by plowed snow; Jorgensen foreman will ask Brian to try to backdrag the pile
- DeeDee will speak to Sheila about what we can do for her while she is away for health reasons

Adjourned 6:46