

Bakersfield REMOTE Regular Select Board Meeting
April 13, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Lance at 7:03pm.

Members present: Lance Lawyer, Josh Goss, David Houston, Sam Cribb

Members absent: Gary Denton

Residents/Guests present: Linda McCall, Dan Forand, Rodger Lindala

March 23rd meeting minutes were accepted with one amendment—(Tim Smith is Mayor of St. Albans, not Governor:) by a vote 4-0.

Warrants signed: Josh Goss signed with Select board authorization

Road Commissioner's Order#3-2020 Equipment Repair Mac's truck (#3) blew an airline and leaking PTO, wrecker service, and change of lubes Thumbs up- David, Sam, Lance, Josh	\$773.91
Road Commissioner's Order#02-2020 New Equipment Down payment on Mac's new truck w/ supporting documentation Thumbs up- David, Sam, Lance, Josh	\$40,083.00
Road Commissioner's Order#14&15-2020 Winter Work Repairs, new two-way radio for grader, BC/BS, Telephone, fuel bill, Truck #1 maintenance repairs Thumbs up- David, Sam, Lance, Josh	\$11,329.43
Selectmen's Order# 9-2020 Kathy/Tami time and fees, Internet, Enosburg Ambulance Thumbs up- David, Sam, Lance, Josh	\$4,179.84
Selectmen's Order# 10-2020 Brigham-Dreherdesign Second half of payment- to be reimbursed to us by the Vt. Housing and Conservation board within 2 weeks, The first half of the payment reimbursement check has been issued to the town and is on the way. Thumbs up- David, Sam, Lance, Josh	\$4,810.00

Lance brought forth the plan of continuing the revision of the Personnel Policy in executive session with the Select board and the town employees. All agreed and will schedule a time when the personnel policy will be addressed.

Lance reported that due to the fact that a COVID State of Emergency has been declared, there have been links to apply for assistance at the State and Federal Level and asked Sam if he would be willing to investigate what is available and become aware of what needs the town presently has. Lance said that he would be willing to help Sam in what ever way needed. At present, the board could think of no immediate needs where state or federal assistance would apply but all agreed to be aware that that could change very quickly.

Josh made a motion to accept the March 23, Select board meeting minutes, with the amendment of changing Tim Smith's title from governor to Mayor of St. Albans. Sam seconded and the motion was accepted by a vote of 4-0. Tami to correct the minutes for the record on the town website.

Ginger Myles, the town Health officer, has been updating the Select board on the situation of regarding the town's response to complaints of garbage build-up at a residence on the Avenue. It has been noticed that there appears to have been a reduction of trash toward the front of the property, yet remains on the sides and back of the property. The Health officer reported being even more concerned with the sewer issue. In an effort to get the process started in a time of social distancing, it was decided that the Health officer send a certified letter to the owner of the property, as well as to the state. When things can progress further, there will be evidence of notification at an earlier date.

Lance also reminded the Select board that when a collective informational email is sent to the Select board as a group, to "reply all" is to imply a quorum and would constitute an official meeting. So, in respect to these emails, each board member must be very intentional to reply only directly to the sender.

State procedures has allowed municipalities the option of suspending regular meetings during the COVID crisis, as Select board sees fit. The Select board discussed whether to continue having the Select board zoom meetings or to suspend until the stay-at-home order is lifted on May 15. Lance made the motion of suspending the April 27th meeting and resuming the Regular Select Board meetings on May 11th, with the condition of calling an emergency zoom meeting if an issue arose that warranted it. Sam seconded it and the motion was approved by a vote 4-0. Josh is already authorized to sign warrants for the bills to continue to be paid and any concerns can be addressed by a quick zoom meeting as well.

Mac and the guys have been grading the roads as they dry out as best they can. The board has heard good reports regarding their progress.

An update on the FEMA progress. We're still within the 60 days allowed to amend any claims. We have heard no complaints from Rupus, our FEMA rep, as to how our claims have been presented. However, we received an email from Jim Cota stating a hold on everything. No work, no money, no contact, no claims...all at a stand still due to COVID-19. They have their hands full.

The Fire Dept. had contacted the Select board asking about the probability of canceling the Fourth of July celebration. Linda McCall reported that the Historical Society has already cancelled any fund raising planned for the Fourth. In light of the reports of other area cancelations and the projection charts showing the peaks and leveling of COVID cases to extend until August, Sam made a motion to postpone indefinitely the Fourth of July Community

Celebration, with the possibly of being able to hold the celebration in the fall. David seconded the motion and the motion was passed by a vote of 4-0.

Josh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm, seconded by Sam and approved by a vote of 4-0.

The next Bakersfield Regular Select Board ZOOM meeting to be held on May 11, 2020 at 7pm, to be accessed by a link on the town website, made available ten minutes before the meeting begins.

Meeting minutes submitted by Tami Brennan.

Stay in! Stay safe!