

Preliminary Minutes

Town of Plymouth, Vermont

Select Board - Regular Meeting

Monday, August 19, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Municipal Building Meeting Room

<u>Board Members Present:</u>	Jay Kullman	Rick Kaminski	Keith Cappellini
<u>Staff Members Present:</u>	Angela Kissell	Mike Coleman	Elaine Pauley
<u>Others Present:</u>	Karen Evans Margo Marrone Peter (OVTV)	Dave Olster Bruce Pauley	Frank Vetere David Hartung
<u>Zoom Attendees:</u>	Cherry Nicoll	Craig O’Briskie	

1. Call to Order:

- a. Jay Kullman called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Consideration of Any Changes, Additions or Removals to Agenda:

- a. Jay Kullman said that we were going to add the following to the agenda:
 - #8 Tax Sale
 - #9 Short Term Rental
 - #10 EWP Grant
 - #11 FEMA Reimbursement Update
 - #12 Parcel Data Standard
 - #13 NEMRC

3. Approve Meeting Minutes:

- a. **Rick Kaminski made a motion to approve the July 15, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Jay Kullman seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- b. **Rick Kaminski made a motion to approve the July 29, 2024 special meeting minutes. Jay Kullman seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- c. **Rick Kaminski made a motion to approve the August 5, 2024 special meeting minutes. Jay Kullman seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

4. Citizen Comments:

- a. Margo Marrone asked about the budget.

5. Farm & Wilderness – Forest Legacy Easement Support:

- a. Jay Kullman recused himself for voting on this subject and read the following: The Select Board recognizes the Owner's property rights and supports the right to attain a conservation easement. The easement will provide enduring access to the land for dispersed recreational opportunities for the public such as hiking, hunting, and fishing as well as the owners forest management and timber harvests that support a local forest economy. Jay did also add that this will not affect the taxes being paid to the Town. This is a requirement by Governor Scott that the Select Board approve it as it can affect taxes.
- b. **Rick Kaminski made a motion to support the easement. Keith Cappellini seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

6. Listers Department:

- a. Jay Kullman wanted to say that he is aware that conflicts happen in the workplace and the Select Board supports conflict mitigation.
- b. **Rick Kaminski made a motion to support funds to go into conflict mitigation. Keith Cappellini seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

7. Budget Review FY2024:

- a. Jay Kullman was striking this from the agenda and will talk about the budget at the October meeting.
- b. Rick Kaminski did want to comment about the building. Rick added that as it stands now, we are in the black. As part of phase II, we will need to finish a few items such as the roof on the front entrance and install exterior doors. The last phase is part of the MERP energy grant and that will be to finish the highway garage.

8. Tax Sale:

- a. Elaine Pauley said there needs to be a discussion on whether or not we are going to have a tax sale. She talked about sticking to a two (2) year time schedule as the last ones we did were in 2022. People need to feel the pressure and that we are serious. There was going to be a conversation with the Town's attorney, Steve Ankuda and see what his thoughts are. Also, Keith Cappellini was going to talk with realtor, Kevin Barnes and see what his thoughts are about listing some vacant land that we have. We want to get the properties moving.

9. Short-Term Rental:

- a. There was a lengthy discussion around the short-term rental and enforcement. Frank added that there is approximately 64 short-term rental units registered and we know there are more out there. We have approximately 10 that will not respond to the certified letters. Tickets will be issued and/or liens will be placed on the properties as this is the only way we can get control of the situation for the non-compliant. Based on the ordinance we can charge up to \$100.00 a day for a fine and that will add up quick.

10. EWP Grant:

a. Jay Kullman said that the Select Board would be doing a site visit with Scott Jensen and Ted Reeves on Wednesday morning at 9:00 am at Dublin Road. There are several projects going on and Rick Kaminski and Larry Lynds will be working very close on them.

11. FEMA Reimbursement:

a. Jay Kullman called the governor's office to see why we don't have any money as he heard that FEMA released funds to the state and it's the State who hasn't released them. He said that there are currently two people looking into it.

12. Parcel Data Standard:

a. An email came in asking why Plymouth doesn't have correct parcel data. There was discussion around this as far as cost and time to fix it. Information is provided to CAI and they're supposed to upload it to the State.

13. NEMRC:

a. The Town has gone from a yearly contract amount to an hourly wage with NEMRC. This hourly wage is for financial assistance and has become a review versus remediation, as in the past.

b. Rick Kaminski made a motion to approve the document. Keith Cappellini seconded the motion. The motion carried.

14. Other Business:

a. none

15. Sign Warrants and Review Mail:

16. Next Select Board Meeting Date:

a. The next regular Select Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

17. Possible Executive Session:

18. Adjourn:

a. Jay Kullman made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm. Rick Kaminski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Angela Kissell
Recording Secretary
Town Clerk

Select Board

Jay Kullman, Chair

Rick Kaminski

Keith Cappellini