

*Preliminary Minutes*

**Town of Plymouth, Vermont**

**Select Board - Regular Meeting**

**Monday, October 7, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**

**Municipal Building**

<b><u>Board Members Present:</u></b>	Jay Kullman	Rick Kaminski	Keith Cappellini
<b><u>Employees Present:</u></b>	Angela Kissell	Michael Coleman	Elaine Pauley
<b><u>Others Present:</u></b>	Bruce Pauley Charles Kimball Margo Marrone Terry Bascom Patrick (OVTV)	Steve Radonis Carol Goodwin Brandon Bergey Georgianna Whalen Clifford Harper	Karen Evans Frank Vetere Ed Mazzella Craig O’Briskie Elizabeth Harper
<b><u>Zoom:</u></b>	Dave Olster	Naomi Moyer	

1. Call to Order:

- a. Jay Kullman called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm.

2. Any Additions, Changes or Removals to the Agenda:

- a. Jay Kullman noted that he would like to add Charlie Kimball to agenda item #5.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes:

- a. **Jay Kullman made a motion to approve the September 16, 2024 meeting minutes. Rick Kaminski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- b. **Rick Kaminski made a motion to approve the September 24, 2024 meeting minutes. Jay Kullman seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- c. **Jay Kullman made a motion to approve the September 25, 2024 meeting minutes. Rick Kaminski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

4. Citizens Comments:

- a. Carol Goodwin had questions about the Select Board meeting schedule. She questioned why there weren’t many months of two meetings.
- b. The board pointed out that they only have meetings when there are things to discuss. If there isn’t much going on then they don’t have them.

5. Charlie Kimball:

- a. Charlie Kimball introduced himself and had a brief conversation about the high education tax. He talked about how the system is broken and that there are a couple studies going on right now to look at fixing the problem; however, he did note that there is no perfect solution.
- b. Charlie did also add that there is an Open Forum to discuss education financing at the Woodstock Town Hall on Thursday, October 17, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The Town Hall only holds approximately 60-70 people; therefore, Zoom will be available.

6. Select Board to Review and Approve Errors and Omissions:

- a. **Jay Kullman made a motion to approve. Rick Kaminski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

7. Open Discussion on Short-Term-Rental:

- a. Jay Kullman opened the discussion by stating that there has been a spike in Short-Term-Rentals. The discussion was geared around the current cost to register a STR in the Town of Plymouth compared to the surrounding Towns. To register a STR in Plymouth the cost is \$200.00 for one bedroom then \$100.00 for each additional bedroom. Surrounding Towns are charging \$2,000 - \$5,000 depending on the size of the rental. Many people in the crowd expressed their concerns. The consensus was an increase is probably warranted, but within reason. No decision was made on the final dollar amount. This discussion will be continued at the next Select Board Meeting.

8. Conversation about Bethany Birches Camp:

- a. Jay Kullman had a letter from the Vermont Department of Taxes dated June 2, 2017 in regard to the taxability of the property owned by Bethany Birches Camp, Inc.
- b. Jay Kullman did research and there is nothing that will overturn the decision that was made.

9. Board to Review and Possibly Approve Opting Out of Homestead Declaration Late Fees:

- a. **Keith Cappellini made a motion to opt out of the Homestead Declaration Late Fee. Jay Kullman seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

10. Review and Possibly Approve Bid for Demolition & Site Stabilization of 4283 Route 100:

- a. The Select Board opened the Bids for the demolition:
  1. Bob Dean - \$42,450
  2. Able Waste - \$58,700
- b. **Rick Kaminski made a motion to award the bid to Bob Dean. Jay Kullman seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

11. Review and Possibly Approve Bid for Bridge Embankment Reinforcement and Rock Removal at Dublin Bridge:

- a. The Select Board opened the Bid for Dublin Bridge work:
  1. Mosher Excavating - \$43,244

- b. **Jay Kullman made a motion to award the bid to Mosher Excavating. Rick Kaminski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

12. Review and Possibly Approve Contract with Tech Impact:

- a. Jay Kullman noted that we would follow-up on this at another Select Board meeting.

13. Begin Finance/Budget Discussion:

- a. Jay Kullman said that there will be a Special Meeting for Budget Discussions only, in the near future.

14. ARPA Funds:

- a. Jay Kullman said that the small remaining balance was already allotted for work on the municipal building.

15. Other Business:

- a. None

16. Sign Warrants and Review Mail:

17. Next Select Board Meeting Date:

- a. Next regular Select Board meeting will be scheduled for October 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

18. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

19. Possible Executive Session:

20. Adjourn:

- a. **Select Board adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.**

Respectfully submitted.

Angela Kissell  
Recording Secretary  
Town Clerk

**Select Board**

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Jay Kullman, Chair

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Rick Kaminski

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Keith Cappellini