

**Town of Baltimore
Selectboard Meeting
June 11, 2024**

Attending: Sandy Rich, Wayne Wheelock, Loreen Billings, Walter Rich, Dan Cox Bay Wheeler and Deb Bean.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 P.M.

Comments and Concerns- None

Secretary's Report- Motion made and seconded to accept minutes. Carried

Treasurer's Report- Motion made and seconded to accept report. Carried.

Grants: The Engineering Grant (Beaver Brook) has been approved by VTrans. We do not have a grant agreement yet but the money is available. In addition, we have the Better Roads and Grant in Aid-2024 grants. We have received the Better Roads funds and for the Grant in Aid, we will pay for help to prepare and submit the paperwork

ARPA Status- Deb explained the costs and application of digitizing our land records with Cott. The first price, \$10,085 includes the software and hardware (scanner) to scan and index the records going forward. The second price, \$30,720 is to scan and index previous records, from Book 8 to our current Book 20 to encompass the last 40 years. Deb's current computer is adequate for their requirements. A search computer is suggested, but we can purchase one separate from them per their recommended specifications. In addition, there will be a monthly charge of \$305 which should be offset by the recording fees retained by the Town. A motion was made and seconded to authorize this expenditure from our ARPA funds. Carried.

The Twin States Basement proposal was reviewed. This includes drainage and systems to dehumidify the basement including a sump pump for \$8,675. A motion was made and seconded to approve Twin State to proceed with the described work. Carried.

Furnace-HB would provide the furnace but the electrical work would need to be done by an outside contractor or we could do it through different providers (piecemeal). More information to follow.

Old Business- The easement deed was received and has been recorded and returned to the attorney. Bay received a letter from a resident that had been bitten by a dog on January 6 and needed medical attention. In another incident, on May 26, her dog was attacked and 2 people in motor vehicles helped her escape. Bud noted that the Selectboard can act if 1) There was property damage and they were notified within 24 hours and 2) If a person was bitten. In a different incident some years ago, a letter was sent from our attorney to another dog's owner on behalf of the Town with the option of the dog being euthanized or confined continuously with a \$400 fine if violated. A motion was made and seconded for Bay to contact the Town's attorney regarding this and VLCT's dog ordinance. Carried.

New Business- Bud will contact the paper regarding the hearing for the Town Plan on July 9 at 7:00 PM. This will be followed by the Selectboard meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mark Whaley as our Fire Warden and Richard Cloud as our Deputy Fire Warden for a 5 year term. Motion Carried.

The Selectboard meeting for August was cancelled and a Special Meeting scheduled for August 9 as the Vermont Primary is being held August 13.

Orders were signed.

No Ella Graves

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Bean

Town Clerk