

**Town of Baltimore
Selectboard Meeting
July 9, 2024**

Attending: Sandy Rich, Wayne Wheelock, Loreen Billings, Malia Cordero, John Arrisonm Walter Rich, Dan Cox and Deb Bean.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:01 P.M. after the Planning Committee hearing to listen to comments regarding adoption of the new Town Plan

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Town Plan. Carried. The new Town Plan is adopted as written. Bud commented that it was a well written and comprehensive plan and thanked Loreen and Malia for putting it together.

Bud asked John if he'd like to speak regarding the activities in Montpelier.

He explained some of the means of raising taxes for education including all of the sales tax and portions of the auto sales tax, rooms and meals and others. A commission is meeting to review new means of funding the schools.

There are new bills regarding ethics (state & municipal) sheriff's department, abatement and tax sales, ghost guns, private military training and green heat standard. There was also discussion about suing Big Oil and the institution of safe injection sites.

Comments and Concerns- VL Coffin spoke regarding his candidacy for Windsor Senate Representative.

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

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

ARPA Status- Bud had a spreadsheet which organized our ideas for ARPA spending. Digitizing the land records and basement humidity control are set. We still need to finalize the new heating and generator choices.

Grants: The Grant in Aid 2025 has been signed and returned to VTrans.

The current grant has a start date of July 1 and is fully executed. The full extent of work needs to be confirmed with the contractor.

Delinquent Tax Collector- We received reports for June and July.

Road Commissioner- Roy has been putting down stone in the areas that need it. Roadside mowing has been completed.

MARC (Mt Ascutney Regional Commission)- Wayne has a Traffic Advisory committee meeting tomorrow and MARC has been reviewing their by-laws.

Old Business- Dan has Mark's signature for the forest fire warden's form, but still need's to get Rick's. Bud received an email that the forest fire wardens' appointments had been renewed for 5 year terms.

New Business- We have not received the new state tax rate yet. There was a delay due to the revotes. 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 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debby Bean
Town Clerk