

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK SELECT BOARD
August 20, 2020 @ 8:30 AM
SPECIAL MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL
MINUTES

Draft minutes subject to approval.

Present: Chair Mary Riley, Jill Davies, L.D. Sutherland, John Doten, William Kerbin, Nikki Nourse, Beth Fish, Bill Corson

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Chair Riley called to order the Special Select Board Meeting of August 20, 2020 at 8:31am.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2021 tax rate

1. Chair Riley stated the residential tax rate would be 2.3902. The non-residential tax rate would be 2.3611. The Homestead educational rate would be 1.7508. The non-residential educational rate would be 1.7217. The education tax for a resident is \$1,750.80 per \$100,000, whereas the municipal tax is \$639.44. 73% of the total tax bill is education taxes.
2. Ms. Fish stated she would like to include a pie chart to report and show people the percentages of where the taxes go.

Motion: by Mr. Sutherland to approve the Town tax rates of 2.3902 for residents and 2.3611 for non-residents for the tax year 2020-2021.

Seconded: by Ms. Davies.

Discussion: Chair Riley stated that all the detailed information is available at the Town Hall.

Ms. Fish stated that it will also be on the website as soon as the Village approves Village Tax Rate.

Vote: 3-0-0, passed.

B. Vail Field bid

1. Mr. Kerbin stated that the Vail Field Tennis Court bid opening was Monday and only one bid was received. The bid is for \$149,979 from Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing.
2. Mr. Sutherland stated that this is a well-known company throughout the area.
3. Mr. Kerbin stated that this is about \$60,000 less than estimated by the engineer. The company will probably start the work in spring, but he will follow up with Craig Jewett.
4. Mr. Corson requested pickleball lines be put on the basketball court. There are a lot of people in this town that play, and they have been using the basketball court. They would like to have different color lines from basketball lines. It is the perfect place for it.
5. Mr. Kerbin stated that they are resurfacing the tennis courts. They are doing line painting and adding new nets and poles. This does not include the basketball court.
6. Chair Riley stated that most basketball is played at the Rec Center and she was not aware of the pickleball group.
7. Mr. Corson stated that the basketball court is in poor condition, there is a large crack in it. It is playable, but not a good surface.

8. Ms. Davies stated that they are trying to improve infrastructure and she is concerned about the surfaces. She would like to know why they are not doing the basketball court as well.
9. Mr. Corson stated that he believes it would be attractive to residents and visitors. It is played by a lot of young people too.

Motion: by Mr. Sutherland to approve the bid of \$149,979 from Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing for the Vail Field tennis courts.

Seconded: by Ms. Davies.

Discussion: Mr. Sutherland stated that they need more information. They can consider the basketball court next spring.

Ms. Davies stated that they accepted the bid which is less than what is in capital reserve. They should get the engineer to look at the basketball court to see about getting construction done at the same time.

Ms. Fish stated that the special article was written as Vail Field courts.

Chair Riley asked Mr. Corson to send an outline and a written request.

Vote: 3-0-0, passed.

C. Dunham and Densmore Hill Road Bids

1. Mr. Kerbin stated that they have bids for ditch and culvert work for Dunham and Densmore Hill Roads. There are two grants for two specific projects. The bid opening will be Monday at 10am. Mr. Kerbin is recommending the Select Board provide authority to staff to grant approval of a not to exceed bid of \$31,875 for Dunham Hill Road and \$26,889 for Densmore Hill Road to the most qualified bidder. VTRANS will reimburse 80% of the total cost of these projects.
2. Chair Riley stated that can make this contingent upon review of the bids that will be in the office on Monday.

Motion: by Mr. Sutherland to approve the bids not to exceed \$31,875 for Dunham Hill Road and \$26,889 for Densmore Hill Road, contingent upon review of the bids that will be available on Monday August 24, 2020.

Seconded: by Ms. Davies.

Discussion: Mr. Sutherland stated that they can amend the motion to not exceed the amount budgeted for this fiscal year.

Vote: 3-0-0, passed, with the amendment that the amount cannot exceed budgeted amount for this fiscal year.

III. OTHER BUSINESS – none.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS – none.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: by Mr. Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 9:05am.

Seconded: by Ms. Davies.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 3-0-0, passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Nourse