

Greensboro Selectboard

July 31, 2023 Special Meeting – Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Romans, Ellen Celnik, Eric Hanson, David Kelley, Gary Circosta

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER ATTENDEES: Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Brett Stanciu, Jim Tousant

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Porter Brook Bridge – additional funding needed

LINE OF CREDIT

David made the following motion:

The Board will execute a \$1,000,000 line of credit with Community National Bank.

Eric seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Funds will be borrowed from the line of credit as necessary for costs incurred by the town related to the July 10-11 flooding event. The line of credit matures on 7/31/24.

It is expected that 75% of flood-related expenditures will be reimbursed by FEMA, with an additional 7.5% – 17.5% reimbursed from the State of Vermont.

PORTER BROOK BRIDGE

The Porter Brook Bridge project is scheduled to begin on August 7. Approx. \$200k more is needed to pay for the project.

Brett discussed this need for funds with the town auditor, who suggested using capital budget funds. He said after voter approval (either at the March 2024 town meeting or at a special town meeting), the \$180k in the non-arbitrage account could be transferred to the capital budget as reimbursement.

Town office staff, given their increased workload due to the flooding, are not in favor of holding a special town meeting at this time.

Gary said it's his understanding that the Capital Budget is for 'non-highway' projects. He spoke with an attorney from VLCT who recommended that the town go ahead with a special town meeting to approve use of the non-arbitrage funds. Gary suggested the Board consider this approach and make a decision at next month's meeting. After further discussion, Eric made the following motion:

The Board approves use of the required amount of Capital Budget funds for the Porter Brook Bridge project.

Ellen seconded the motion which carried (E.H., E.C., P.R., D.K. in favor; G.C. opposed).

Peter said the road crew will get Lake Shore and North Shore Roads into good condition, since these

roads will serve as a primary detour during the two week bridge project.

FEMA/FLOOD DATA COLLECTION

Peter said much progress has been made on road repairs around town, and work continues.

In order for the town to receive FEMA and state reimbursement, many different types of flood-related data must be collected and organized. Initial discussion of the process for this data collection. Josh told the Board he's available to assist as needed. Josh, Eric and Gary will meet to further discuss.

Gary asked about progress on renewing the town's Local Emergency Plan and Hazard Mitigation Plan. Both are out of date, and it is hoped they can be renewed quickly, since additional state funds are available to towns with updated plans.

Kim said the Board should be able to approve the Local Emergency Plan renewal at its August 9 meeting. She's working with NVDA on an expedited renewal for the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk