

MINUTES SELECT BOARD MEETING
6:00 P.M. Thursday, April 6, 2017
HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING
3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Select Board

Eric Remick, Chair-absent
Danny Hale, Vice Chair
Kory Barclay
Shari Cornish
Elizabeth Dow

Others Present

Jon Jewett, Town Manager
Brittany Currie, Business Manager
Aaron Cochran, Police Chief
Karen Holmes, Restorative Justice
Carol Plante, Restorative Justice

Others Present

Mike Bielawski-Gazette

6:02 P.M. – Danny Hale, Select Board Vice-Chair, called the regular Select Board meeting to order

6:02 P.M. – Select Board to consider approval of the minutes for its regular Select Board meeting of March 23, 2017

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular Select Board meeting of March 23, 2017 as written.

6:02 P.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda- None

6:03 P.M. – Communication from the Audience - None

6:03 P.M. – 6:17 P.M. Town Manager Report – Given by Jon Jewett

Jon reported on topics such as the Town Garage project, available jobs in Town, South Main Street sidewalk project, Church Street water line project, VLCT PACIF grant, Fairpoint Communications contract, Memorial Building renovations, economic development loans, delinquent taxes, and fireworks (See attached report for more details).

6:17 P.M. – 6:20 P.M. Road Foreman Report – Given by Jon Jewett

Jon reported on topics such as Tom's training on stormwater permit program, road work, equipment repair, and wastewater system support (See attached report for more details). Danny reminded people that mud season was approaching and reminded people to be patient and drive for the road conditions. Kory asked what the material being hauled in would be used for, and Jon said that the guys were stockpiling staymat to prepare for mud season.

6:20 P.M. – 6:27 P.M. Police Chief Report – Given by Aaron Cochran

Aaron reported that there were 249 incidents in the month of March with a few on-going investigations. He reported that Officer Cavarretta had resigned to join the Berlin PD and explained that the entire state was experiencing a shortage of officers, but that he had made an offer to an applicant interested in replacing Officer Cavarretta. Jon mentioned that union negotiations were just beginning with the department's new union as well. Aaron said the old K-9 Explorer had not passed inspection as it needed new rocker panels, but since this vehicle was needed for another 6 months or so Shatney's Garage had agreed to repair it. He reported that the E-Ticket grant was moving forward and the system would be coming soon. Aaron also said that a female older chocolate lab had been picked up on the Richardson Road, and asked if anyone had information to call his office. Lastly, he reported that he had not had time to deal with the parking issue on the corner of Mackville Road just yet, but had not forgotten.

6:27 P.M. – 6:48 P.M. Restorative Justice Report - Given by Carol Plante & Karen Holmes

Karen presented a video that explained the importance of restorative justice in communities. Elizabeth asked how the video got the statistics they had, and Carol said she believed those were national data numbers and explained the difficulty of collecting the data for these statistics as they did not follow-up on the core members after they had completed the programs. Carol gave an overview of the different programs that she

and Karen offer such as restorative processes and reentry programs, all of which are completely voluntary. Carol also provided a success story of a core member they had helped in the past and mentioned an upcoming orientation training for new volunteers (See attached report for more details). Danny commended Carol and Karen for their work and pointed out that although this wasn't the total solution, it surely was part of it.

6:48 P.M. – 7:02 P.M. 3rd Quarter Budget Update - Given by Brittany Currie

Brittany reviewed the 3rd quarter financials (See attached report for more details).

7:02 P.M. – 7:03 P.M. Item #1, Select Board to consider appointing Nancy Kellogg as the alternate representative on the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Board.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to appoint Nancy Kellogg as the alternate representative on the CVSWMD Board.

7:03 P.M. – 7:04 P.M. Item #2, Select Board to consider appointing Doug Casavant as the Town Forest Fire Warden, term ending on June 30, 2022.

Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to appoint Doug Casavant as the Town Forest Fire Warden, term ending on June 30, 2022.

7:04 P.M. – 7:07 P.M. Item #3, Select Board to consider Aldrich & Elliott's recommendation of award of contract for the construction of the Church Street waterline project.

Jon reviewed the bids for the Church Street waterline project and suggested the recommendation of the engineers to award the contract to Munson Earth Moving as they were the low bidder by over \$100,000.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to authorize Jon Jewett to sign a contract with Munson Earth Moving for \$342,655 for the Church Street waterline project.

Select Board Reports- Shari reported that she had attended her first CVSWMD meeting and joined as a member on their grant committee. She also mentioned the upcoming events at the Town House: a school concert on April 13th, ceilings being painted starting on April 14th, and Vermont Vaudeville on April 23rd.

New Business- Danny mentioned an interest in a planning grant for the Town to manage its 80-acre forest.

Old Business- Danny stated that although the Library bond vote had failed, he hoped to see work continue towards making the building more accessible and also noted that the Old Senior Building still needed to be dealt with as well. He also mentioned that the old Memorial tree had been removed, and Kory stated that as soon as the weather prevailed Dennis Pudvah would be donating a new tree to replace it. Lastly, Danny mentioned he would like to re-discuss parking issues downtown and the option to have a parking lot at the Old Flood Zone location. Kory mentioned that the Board had discussed that previously and found that it wasn't feasible, but Jon said he would look into this again and try and gather more accurate prices.

7:21 P.M. - Danny Hale, Select Board Vice-Chair, adjourned the meeting.

Minutes approved by: _____
Danny Hale, Vice-Chair of the Select Board

Minutes taken by: _____
Brittany Currie, Business Manager