

MINUTES SELECT BOARD MEETING
6:00 P.M. Thursday, January 4, 2018
HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING
3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Select Board

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

Others Present

Jon Jewett, Town Manager
Amanda Atwood, Payroll Administrator
Mike Glodgett, Hardwick Police Sergeant

Others Present

6:00 P.M. – Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, called the regular Select Board meeting to order

6:01 P.M. – Select Board to consider approval of the minutes for its regular Select Board meeting of December 21, 2017

After a brief discussion, the Select Board asked to insert "Citizens will not have the opportunity to vote on the COPS Grant at Town meeting" to item #2. This was discussed on December 21st, 2017, but there was an error in the Hardwick Gazette that stated that voters would have a chance to vote on the COPS grant at Town Meeting. It should be noted that in Vermont Town Meeting voters vote on the entire budget, there are no line item votes or vetos. Someone can make a motion to cut a portion of the total budget number or the entire budget can be voted down.

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board approved the amended minutes of the Select Board meeting of December 21st, 2017.

6:04 P.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda- Jon reported that there would be no Road Foreman report, no Police Chief report, and no Restorative Justice Report.

6:05 P.M. – Communication from the Audience - None

6:05 P.M. – 6:12 P.M. Town Manager Report – Given by Jon Jewett

Jon reported on the Town cold storage facility, Economic Development Loan, Cabot Creamery, and the Hardwick-Greensboro Police Contract. (See attached report for more details).

6:12 P.M. – 6:27 P.M. Item #1, Select Board to discuss heat and winterization opportunities for the current Town Garage.

Eric stated that he, Danny, Tom, and Jon walked around the current Town Garage this week to check out the structure, the lay out, and talk about different options. The structure is good and does not appear it will have issues any time soon. The space on the other hand, is very tight. It has steel posts, so it makes it very challenging, if not impossible to restructure the layout. The heating is failing, and the roof leaks. Danny believes the current Town Garage is valuable, and Tom believes the location of the garage is prime. A very rough estimate, without quotes, would be more than \$50,000 to replace the furnace and to properly winterize the building. Elizabeth suggested the appointment of a task force to research what the Town should plan to build, where it should be located and what it would be expected to house. Kory said the Town should also consider what to do with the current garage, and how to fix the heat, and then get a realistic plan on how much everything will cost; whether it be short term or long term. Kory mentioned that the task force should work to figure out different options such as, what will it cost to fix the Town garage and move the Fire department to that location, and what will it cost to have the Town Garage, the Fire Department, the Rescue Squad, and the Police Department all at one location. Eric and Elizabeth both volunteered to begin working on a plan of action.

6:27 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Item #2, Select Board to review and consider signing Police Contract with the Town of Greensboro for the provision of police services. Action necessary.

Jon presented the Greensboro Police Services Contract to the Select Board, but recommended that the Board not sign the document until Greensboro approves it first. Greensboro will review the contract on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018. This item will be placed on the next Select Board meeting agenda. Danny noted an error on the signature page and asked the Town Manager remove Kathleen's name, and add his name.

Select Board Reports - None

New Business – Shari reported that East Hardwick Grange is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

Old Business – Shari mentioned that the concrete bollards located at the north end of the Hardwick Village Diner parking lot were moved due to plowing. She asked if this should be a seasonal barrier. Danny mentioned that he would move them completely, and remove the entrance to the parking lot on that side. The Select Board asked the Town Manager to have the Town Highway Crew move the barriers and to keep them for other uses as necessary.

6:36 P.M. - Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to enter into an executive session to discuss legal matters regarding real estate to include the Town Manager.

6:53 P.M. Out of Executive Session. No decisions were made.

6:55 P.M. - Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, adjourned the meeting.

Minutes approved by: _____
Eric Remick, Chair of the Select Board

Minutes taken by: _____
Amanda Atwood, Payroll Administrator