

**MINUTES SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M. Thursday, January 5, 2017**  
**HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

**Select Board**

Eric Remick, Chair,  
Kathleen Hemmens, Vice Chair  
Kory Barclay  
Shari Cornish-Absent  
Elizabeth Dow

**Others Present**

Jon Jewett, Town Manager  
Amanda Atwood, Payroll Administrator  
Aaron Cochran- Police Chief  
Mike Sullivan-HED

**Others Present**

Mike Bielawski-Gazette  
Coco Holton-Brown  
Rick Holton  
Bruce Westcott, CVSWMD  
Charlotte Low, CVSWMD

**6:00 P.M. – Select Board Chair to call 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 15, 2016.**

*Upon motion by Kathleen Hemmens, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular Select Board meeting of December 15, 2016 as written.*

**6:01 P.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda- None**

**6:02 P.M. – Communication from the Audience**

Coco Holton spoke about his concern with the Hardwick Depot budget. At the last Select Board meeting, Elizabeth Dow requested \$600 more dollars. Within discussion, Kathleen Hemmens asked that the original request be reduced. In the end, they agreed that \$400 dollars be added into the budget towards the Hardwick Depot. Coco disagreed with adding extra money.

**6:02 P.M. – 6:20 P.M. Town Manager Report – Given by Jon Jewett**

Jon reported about the IBEW highway union negotiations, Creamery Road building fire, Municipal Planning Grant, Federal Economic Development Administration Grant, Vermont Community Development Program Funds- Implementation Grant, USDA Rural Development Loan, and South Main Street Federal Earmark (See attached reports for more details).

**6:20 P.M. – 6:28 P.M. Road Foreman Report – Given by Jon Jewett**

Jon reported about recent road work, water system support, wastewater system, and village support (See attached report for more details).

**6:28 P.M. – 6:38 P.M. Police Chief Report – Given by Aaron Cochran**

Aaron reported that December 2016 had 235 incidents. The Police Department participated in the Governor's Highway Safety Program for two weeks during the holiday season. During the two weeks, they contacted 341 total drivers; 270 of those drivers were contacted during a Click-It or Ticket campaign. They also had three criminal arrests, gave out four tickets for not wearing a seat belt, and eleven other miscellaneous tickets. Aaron reported that as of June 30th, 2016 there was a total of 3,499 calls that they responded to. The Police Department will be working on E-Ticketing, "Drug Drop Box", and a transition with the K-9 Officers. (See attached report for more details). He reported that on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm the Police Department would hold an open house at the Public Safety Building to celebrate the retirement of K-9 Atos.

**6:38 P.M. – 6:45 P.M. Hardwick Electric Report – Given by Mike Sullivan**

Mike Sullivan reported that the Cooperating Response Center Service, the phone service that answers after hours and during power outages, would be going live January 30th, 2017. If power outages need to be reported please call 888-472-5201. He reported that the board will be discussing the 2017 budget on January 16th, 2017. They have cut cost by 2%, and revenue has also decreased by 2%. They have been dealing with a major cyber security issue, in which they are diligently working on. It was reported that the Wolcott substation has been

operating very well since the repair that was finished in late November. Lastly, Mike reported that the H11 Solar Project has gone out to bid.

**6:46 P.M. – 7:17 P.M. Item # 1, Bruce Westcott, General Manager of the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) would like to talk with the Select Board about CVSWMD projects and find out what the Select Board believes are priorities for future solid waste programs.**

General Manager, Bruce Westcott, and the Outreach Coordinator, Charlotte Low, reported that the increase in requirements with food scraps going to land fill would be changing in 2020. The schools have started this process, and now it was time for others to as well. Starting in July 2017, they plan to start this transition slowly and help everyone fully understand the process before the kick-off in 2020. They are focusing on different aspects of hauling the waste, community support, site requirements, and different programs (See report for more details). All of businesses in Hardwick are compliant with the law and are doing great. Hardwick is a model community.

**7:19 P.M. – 7:24 P.M Item # 2, Select Board to consider a resolution to accept the terms and conditions of the 2015 VCDP Implementation grant. This \$300,000 grant will fund improvements to the Evergreen Manor Mobile Home Park. This resolution also includes designating the Town Manager as the Town of Hardwick’s authorizing official to execute the grant agreement and other related documents.**

*Upon motion by Kathleen Hemmens, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted three to one to adopt the grant resolution and designate the Town Manager as the Town of Hardwick's authorized official to execute the grant agreement and other related documents related to the 2015 VCDP Implementation Grant. Kory Barclar voted against the resolution.*

**7:25 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. Item # 3, Select Board to discuss and review Police Department/Senior Center Community room usage policy.**

Kathleen Hemmens reported that the Town policy governing the use of the community room located in the Senior Center area of the Public Safety building had been updated. The Police Department would now have a copy of the policy onsite available to guide non-profit organizations in use of the room.

*Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to adopt the amended Public Safety Community Room Policy.*

**7:31 P.M. – 7:41 P.M. Item # 4, Select Board to review and discuss Town Highway Department Winter Operations plan.**

Jon reported that the presented Winter Operations Plan was a reference to the Public during the winter season (See report for more detail).

**Select Board Reports-** Eric encouraged skiers to use Hardwick Trails.

**New Business-** None

**Old Business-** None

**7:43 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 & Benefits Administrator**