

**MINUTES SELECT BOARD MEETING  
6:00 P.M. Thursday, June 1, 2017  
HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

**Select Board**

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

**Others Present**

Jon Jewett, Town Manager  
Amanda Atwood, Payroll Administrator  
Aaron Cochran, Police Chief

**Others Present**

Larry Hamel

**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 May 18, 2017**

*Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Danny Hale, the Select Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular Select Board meeting of May 18th as written.*

**6:02 P.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda-** Eric reported that there would be an item #6 to consider resolution relating to the Town Forest Recreation Planning Community Assistance Program, and an item #7 to consider a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Liquor License for the new owners of D&L Beverage and Deli.

*Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to adjust the agenda as stated.*

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

**6:03 P.M. – 6:16 P.M. Town Manager Report – Given by Jon Jewett**

Jon reported on the South Main Street sidewalk project, the Church Street waterline project, various trash complaints, the progress relating to Buffalo Mountain Trail, the large Delinquent Tax list, and Hardwick Area Community Coalition's bottle box that is currently located at the Hardwick Fire Station (see attached report for more details).

*Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign the contracts for the South Main sidewalk project, when VTRANS finalizes the decisions.*

**6:16 P.M. – 6:29 P.M. Road Foreman Report – Given by Jon Jewett**

Jon reported on road work including painting parking lines, cleaning up around the village, fixing washouts, wastewater system support, and working on Cemeteries. The Highway Department plans to start work on Brown Farm Road in preparation for paving later this month (see attached report for more details).

**6:29 P.M. – 7:29 P.M. Police Chief Report – Given by Aaron Cochran**

Aaron reported on a 20 mile car chase that included five different agencies, an arson fire on Wolcott Street, and he gave a presentation on the Hardwick Police Department and the increase in the criminal offences. Aaron would like to apply for the COPS Police Grant to increase the police force and to help decrease the ratio of the number of offences handled per officer. He would like help this community become safer (see attached report for more details). Larry Hamel, spoke as a tax payer, and is in support of the increase in police protection within the Town

*Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Danny Hale, the Select Board voted two to one with one abstention to authorize the Chief of Police to apply for the COPS Hiring grant. Motion failed due to a lack of an approving quorum (two yes, one no and one abstention).*

**7:29 P.M. – 7:31 P.M. Item # 1, Select Board to discuss and consider approving changes in the zoning fee schedule.**

Amanda explained the fee changes recommended by Kristen Leahy, the Hardwick Zoning Administrator. (See the attached fee structure for noted changes).

*Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the changes in the Zoning fee schedule as written. See attached fee changes.*

**7:32 P.M. – 7: 34P .M Item #2, Select Board to review a one year contract with Sullivan and Powers for annual Town audit services for FY2017 (Audit in October 2017). Select Board to review a contract with Sullivan and Powers for an audit on the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System on behalf of the State of Vermont (Audit on June 7, 2017).**

Jon explained the audit services and how much each audit would cost (see attached report for more details).

*Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve entering the Sullivan and Power annual audit contract and approved Sullivan and Powers to perform the State Retirement program audit.*

**7:34 P.M. – 7:35 P.M Item #3, Select Board to consider re-appointment of Lynne Gedanken to a 3 year term as a Hardwick Electric Commissioner, which term to end June 30, 2020. Select Board to consider re-appointment of Gina Campoli to a 2 year term as a Hardwick Electric Commissioner, which term to end June 30, 2019.**

*Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve appointments for both Lynne Gedanken (3 years) and Gina Campoli (2 years) for re-appointments to the Hardwick Electric Commission.*

**7:35 P.M. – 7:36 P.M Item #4, Select Board to consider a water/sewer application for a property on Hideaway Street, currently owned by Leo Renaud.**

*Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the water and sewer application for service and authorized the Town Manager sign the water/sewer application approval for the Leo Renaud property on Hideaway Street in Hardwick.*

**7:15 P.M. – 7:37 P.M Item #5, Select Board to consider a water/sewer application for a major subdivision on a property on Mackville Road, owned by Danny Hale.**

*Upon motion by Kory Barclay, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the water/sewer service application for the Hale property subdivision on Mackville Road and authorized the Town Manager to sign application approval. Motion Passed with three votes and one abstention.*

**7:37 P.M. – 7:38 P.M Item #6, Select Board to consider resolution relating to the Town Forest Recreation Planning Community Assistance Program.**

*Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the resolution relating to the Town Forest Recreation Planning Community Assistance Program. Motion Passed with three votes and one abstention.*

**7:38 P.M. – 7:44 P.M Item #7, Select Board to consider 2nd Class Liquor License for the new owners of D&L Beverage and Deli.**

There was some discussion relating to who the new store owners were. Danny Hale asked who they were and where they were from.

*Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Danny Hale, the Select Board voted to approve the 2nd class Liquor License for the new owners of D&L Beverage and Deli in East Hardwick.*

**Select Board Reports -**

Eric reported that he has brought the concerns about trash and tires to Chip Troiano.

Elizabeth reported that First Friday planning is underway. The first- First Friday event will be held on June 2nd.

Larry Hamel, Town Service Officer, reported that he had a recent case. Due to the Hardwick Motel not being open, he had to put the homeless person in a hotel in Morrisville for the night. The Town of Hardwick covered the cost using an allocation for the Town Service Officer. Larry stated that the Police Departments did a great job with transporting this individual without crossing into different jurisdictions.

**New Business – None                      Old Business- None**

**7:49 P.M. - Executive Session – Economic Development Loan - Flood Zone Clean-Up & Financing Cornerstone Properties LLC.**

**Executive Session – Economic Development Loan with Center for Agriculture as a match to Northern Border Regional Commission funds to be used to secure ownership of the "Yellow Barn" in Hardwick.**

*Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to enter into an executive session to discuss an Economic Development Loan for the Flood Zone clean-up and Financing and to discuss an Economic Development Loan with the Center for Agriculture relating to the "Yellow Barn" project.*

**8:23 P.M. Out of Executive Session to open session.** *Upon motion by Danny Hale seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Hardwick Select Board voted to approve an economic development loan to Cornerstone Restoration LLC for \$50,000.00 for a term of 10 years with a balloon payment at the end or payment upon sale of the property located at 71 Wolcott Street in Hardwick. The interest rate will be set at 1% above the Bank of Boston rate established at the time of the loan.*

**8:25 P.M.** Into Executive Session, to discuss using Economic Development money to match potential grant funds from a grant supported by the Northern Counties Regional Commission.

**8:47 P.M.** Out of Executive Session, No decision

**8:49 P.M. Adjourn Meeting** – Eric Remick adjourned the regular Select Board meeting.

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

Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amanda Atwood, Payroll Administrator