

MINUTES SELECT BOARD MEETING
6:00 P.M. Thursday, June 16, 2016
HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING
3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Select Board

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

Others Present

Jon Jewett, Town Manager
Brittany Currie, Business Manager
Rob Lewis
Andrew Laggis
Rick Holton

Others Present

Mike Bielawski-Gazette
Ken Lacasse, American Legion
Larry Hamel
Ashton Allen
Coco Holton

6:01 P.M. – Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, called the regular Select Board meeting to order.

6:02 P.M. – Approval of the minutes of the regular Select Board meeting of June 2, 2016.

Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2016 regular Select Board meeting as written.

6:02 P.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda – Jon asked to add an item to re-sign the HED documents for the bank loan as the previous documents had errors on the dates. Brittany asked to add an item to sign Step 2 Church Street loan documents. Jon also asked to add an executive session to discuss a law suit and stated that Tom, Aaron and Danny would not be attending so they would skip those reports and item 1.

Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to adjust the agenda as requested.

6:06 P.M. - Communication from the Audience – Rob Lewis requested that the Board consider bonding to improve the Town's sidewalks, specifically on the Main Street Bridge and surrounding areas. He also requested some patching be completed on Maple Street.

6:10 P.M. – 6:37 P.M. Town Manager Report – Given by Jon Jewett

Jon reported about the roadside mowing bids, winter sand bids, Better Back Roads Grant, Water System Asset Management Grant, Main Street Bridge parking, pump track, Positive Pie sewer line, yard sale signs, fire department training at the old Senior Building, health notice to 118 Church Street property, and a Thank You notice to Phil Gallant.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to accept the lowest sand bid submitted by Demers.

6:37 P.M. – 6:41 P.M. Item # 1, Ken LaCasse to report on need to cut down the Memorial Park Spruce Tree.

Ken reported that the only letter he had received was from the tree warden, Laurent Bellavance, and he had approved the removal and replacement of the Memorial tree. Ken also mentioned that the Legion would be donating their time and other materials so there would be no cost to the Town for this proposed project. Elizabeth asked what the timeline would be, and Ken said that spring would be the best time to transplant

trees in order to allow them to grow before winter. Shari asked if anyone had called in to ask about the tree and Jon said no. Eric asked to hear from Hardwick Rescue before moving forward.

6:42 P.M. – 6:46 P.M. Item # 2, Select Board to review a one year contract with the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department for dispatch services.

Brittany explained that this year's dispatching service cost would be slightly less than the previous year and she recommended going with them for another year and she would reevaluate other options for next year.

Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the FY17 dispatch service contract with Lamoille Country Sheriff's Department.

6:46 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Item # 3, Larry Hamel to discuss with the Select Board potential disposition of the old "Flood Zone" Building at 71 Wolcott Street.

Larry said there was no public money for him to upgrade this property, so it was time to do something else with it and had heard many people suggest having the Town put a parking garage there. He explained he wanted to offer the property to the Town first, but would like to do something during the summer of 2016. He said the building would have to come down, but there would be water, sewer and electric connections remaining. Eric said the Board had talked about this option in the past, but he would like to sit down and discuss this project further. Shari mentioned the idea of looking for grant money to create electric parking spaces in this location. Elizabeth asked for a written proposal from Larry.

7:00 P.M. – 7:02 P.M. Item # 4, Select Board to review a one year contract with Sullivan and Powers for annual Town audit services.

Brittany explained that this contract was for year two of the three year contract, but the yearly contract needed to be signed to accept the scope of services.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to sign the one year contract with Sullivan & Powers for auditing services for FY16.

7:02 P.M. – 7:07 P.M. Item # 5, Select Board to review and sign Vermont EPA Drinking Water Loan documents for \$26,800 for Step 2 of the Church Street water line project.

Brittany explained that these were bond documents for the Step 2 engineering loan money for the Church Street water line project. Eric asked about the progress of this project, and Jon explained that he had suggested to do the project in the spring as paving money would be available next summer.

Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to sign the Church Street step 2 water loan documents.

7:07 P.M. – 7:08 P.M. Item # 6, Select Board to review and sign Hardwick Electric loan documents for \$200,000.

Jon explained that these documents were the same documents they have already signed but the dates were not correct, so new documents needed to be signed again.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to sign the HED loan documents again.

Select Board Reports – Shari said there were great reviews from the 1st First Friday and the next one would be July 1st.

Kory said there was open mic night set up at Dona’s on Wednesday, and he thought that maybe they would be there every Wednesday during the summer.

Shari said there would be a dance party at the Town House on Saturday night hosted by Emily Lanxner.

New Business – none

Old Business – none

7:10 P.M. - Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to enter into an executive session to discuss legal matters.

7:54 P.M. - The Select Board came out of executive session where no decisions were made.

7:55 P.M. Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, adjourned the meeting.

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

Minutes taken by: _____
Brittany Currie, Business Manager