

**MINUTES SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M. Thursday, March 3, 2016**  
**HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

**Select Board**

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

**Others Present**

Jon Jewett, Town Manager  
Amanda Atwood, Payroll Admin.

**Others Present**

Mike Bielawski-Gazette  
Leaf Goldberg, HCTV

**6:00 P.M.** The Town Manager called the meeting to order.

Eric Remick, Kathleen Hemmens, and Kory Barclay took their oaths of office.

**6:06 P.M.** Reorganization of the Select Board:

- a. The Town Manager asked for nominations for Select Board Chair. Elizabeth Dow recommended the appointment of Eric Remick as Select Board Chair; this was seconded by Kathleen Hemmens.
- b. The Select Board by majority vote approved Eric Remick as Select Board Chair for the ensuing year.
- c. Eric Remick assumed his role as Chair and took the gavel offered by Jon Jewett, the Town Manager.

**6:07 P.M.** Eric asked for recommendations for appointment to Vice Chair of the Select Board. Elizabeth Dow recommended the appointment of Kathleen Hemmens as Vice Chair, this was seconded by Shari Cornish. The Select Board voted to approve the appointment of Kathleen Hemmens as Vice Chair of the Select Board for the ensuing year.

**6:08 P.M.** Eric asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 18, 2016, and the minutes of the Pre-Town Meeting and the Bond Hearing of February 25, 2016. Upon motion by Kathleen Hemmens, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting and the special pre-town meeting and bond hearing.

**6:09 P.M.** - Set/Adjust Agenda. - No adjustment to the agenda

**6:09 P.M.** - Communication from the Audience – No communication from the audience.

**6:10 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.** Item # 1 Town Appointments. Eric asked to have the appointments made as one slate of recommendations. Shari Cornish recommended the appointment of the following persons to their associated roles in Town government, this was seconded by Kathleen Hemmens and the following appointments were approved by the Select Board.

- Aaron Cochran, Civil Defense/Emergency Management Coordinator.
- Nancy Nottermann, Town Energy Coordinator.
- John Longe, Animal Control Officer.
- Nancy Kellogg, CVSWMD Representative.
- Lawrence Hamel, Town Service Officer.
- Kathy Hemmens as Agent to Convey Real Estate.

- Shari Cornish as Board Representative to Sign Warrants
- Shari Cornish as NEKARTs Board Representative
- Eric Remick as Hardwick Trails Committee Rep
- Dave Mitchell, as Lamoille Valley Rail Trails Committee Rep
- Robin Arnell, Nicole Miller, Katharine Ingram, Ron Wiesen as the Town Recreation Committee
- Jon Jewett as Town Safety Officer
- Maya McCoy, Town Website Coordinator
- Kristen Leahy, Zoning Administrator for one year as recommended by the Hardwick Planning Commission
- Jim Lovinsky, as Town Representative to the NVDA

*Note: that the appointment of the Health Officer is through the Vermont Department of Health. Richard Brochu is the Health Officer and Jon Jewett is the Assistant Health Officer. The effective date of reappointment for the Health Officer and Deputy Health Officer is May 31, 2016.*

**6:16 P.M. - 6:18 P.M** Item # 2 Establish Select Board Calendar. Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Kathleen Hemmens, the Select Board voted to approve the 2016-2017 Select Board Calendar. See the attached.

**6:19 P.M.- 6:22 P.M. Select Board Report(s)**

Shari reported that Town House is now open and warm. The first event will be a play held by the Hardwick Elementary students on March 10th and 11th. Shari also reported that on March 12th 8 *Cuerdas* presents "*Americas*" at the Town House at 7:30pm.

Shari reported that Hardwick Community Visit Process Step 3 will be held on March 16th at Hazen Union School from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Kathleen reported that she and Aaron contacted Northeast Kingdom Human Services to meet with them to negotiate and clarify emergency actions steps necessary for situations where a person demonstrating mental health issues needs to be transported. The current system requires the police to wait with the person needing transport until a mental health professional is on-site to okay the transfer. This requirement is costly to police agencies as it can drive up overtime. Kathleen and Aaron were able to negotiate an agreement whereby the mental health response time would be faster using a teleconference method such as Skype or Face Time. Kathy and Aaron also spoke with Chip Troiano, Hardwick Representative to Legislature and he was able to support their efforts and provide advice from the State level.

**No New Business No Old Business**

**6:23 P.M. Adjourn** – Eric Remick adjourned the meeting.

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

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