MINUTES SELECT BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M. Thursday, March 9, 2017 HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING 3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Others Present

Jon Jewett, Town Manager Amanda Atwood, Payroll Administrator **Others Present**

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

6:00 P.M. Town Manager to call meeting to order.

Danny Hale, Shari Cornish, and Kory Barclay took their oaths of office.

6:01 P.M. Reorganization of the Select Board. Town Manager to take nominations for Chair

a) Floor opens for Select Board Chair nominations

The Town Manager asked for nominations for Select Board Chair. Shari Cornish recommended the appointment of Eric Remick as Select Board Chair; this was seconded by Elizabeth Dow.

b) Board votes to elect chairperson

The Select Board by majority vote approved Eric Remick as Select Board Chair for the ensuing year.

c) Chairperson assumes control of the rest of the meeting

Eric Remick assumed his role as Chair and took the gavel offered by Jon Jewett, the Town Manager.

6:03 P.M. Election of a Vice-Chair of the Select Board

Eric asked for recommendations for appointment to Vice Chair of the Select Board. Shari Cornish recommended the appointment of Danny Hale as Vice Chair; this was seconded by Kory Barclay. The Select Board voted to approve the appointment of Danny Hale as Vice Chair of the Select Board for the ensuing year.

6:03 P.M. Approval of Minutes of Regular Board meeting of February 16th, 2017

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular Select Board meeting of February 16, 2017 as written.

6:04 P.M. - Set/Adjust Agenda

Jon requested adding two appointments to Item #1: Danny Hale as Hardwick/Woodbury Railtrail Representative, and Elizabeth Dow to become an interim Town Agent for Tax Sale purchases.

6:05 P.M. - Communication from the Audience- No communication from the audience.

6:06 P.M. - 6:09 P.M. Item # 1 Town Appointments. Action Needed

Eric asked to have the appointments made as one slate of recommendations. Danny Hale recommended the appointment of the following persons to their associated roles in Town government, this was seconded by Elizabeth Dow 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
- Shari Cornish, CVSWMD Representative
- Shari Cornish, as CVSWMD Alternate Representative
- Lawrence Hamel, Town Service Officer
- Elizabeth Dow, 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
- Joe Brosseau, Derek Williams, Kathleen Hemmens, Nicole Miller, and 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
- Danny Hale Hardwick/Woodbury Railtrail Representative
- Elizabeth Dow to become an interim Town Agent for Tax Sale Purchases

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. Appointments are up May 31, 2019.

6:10 P.M. – 6:14 P.M. Item # 2 Establish Select Board Calendar

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the 2017-2018 Select Board Calendar. See attached.

6:15 P.M.- 6:17 P.M. Select Board Report(s)

- Shari reported that the Town House is now open and warm. The first event, *GroundHog Opery*, will be held on March 18th.
- Elizabeth reported that the Hardwick Historical Society is holding a Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner and dance at the Legion on March 18th at 6pm.
- Danny reported that he is happy to be back on the Select Board.
- Kory wanted to thank everyone that voted him back in.

No New Business

No Old Business

6:17 P.M. Regular meeting recess –Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to enter into an executive session to discuss Legal, Cedar Chair Company Economic Development Loan, and Economic Development Refinancing Request Connie's Kitchen

6:40 P.M. Board Out of executive session VT Cedar Chair Company economic development loan. No action taken, but Board asked the Town Manager to move ahead with actions recommended by the Town attorney.

6:42 P.M. Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to enter into an executive session to discuss refinancing and financials relating to a request to refinance an economic development loan for Connie's Kitchen in Hardwick.

6:52 P.M. Board out of executive session no action taken on refinancing request. The Board needs more business related financial information and a description of what would be done with the funds in relation to the business, i.e., what would be purchased, what would be improved etc. The Town Manager was asked to approach Connie's Kitchen with the request for more information.

6:58 P.M. Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, adjourned the Hardwick Select Board meeting.

Minutes approved by:_____

Eric Remick, Chair of the Select Board

Minutes taken by:_____

Amanda Atwood, Payroll Administrator