

**MINUTES SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M. Thursday, November 16, 2016**  
**HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> 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  
Tom Fadden- Road Foreman  
Alberta Miller, Town Clerk  
Mike Sullivan, HED  
Kristen Leahy, Zoning Admin.

**Others Present**

Mike Bielawski-Gazette  
Gary Michaels  
James Nudd  
Jim Lovinsky  
Matt Moore  
Mike Lance

**6:15 P.M. – Select Board Chair to call regular Select Board meeting to order**

**6:016 P.M. – Approval of the minutes of the regular Select Board meeting of November 3, 2016**

*Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Kathleen Hemmens, the Select Board voted to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2016 regular Select Board meeting as written.*

**6:16 P.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda- None**

**6:16 P.M. – Communication from the Audience- None**

**6:17 P.M. – 6:28 P.M. Town Manager Report – Given by Jon Jewett**

Jon reported about IBEW/Highway negotiations, Sanborn Cemetery funds, water system asset management, Creamery Road building fire, and tax maps (See attached report for more details).

**6:28 P.M. – 6:28 P.M. Police Department Report – Given by Jon Jewett**

Jon announced that Kubo would be graduating the K-9 academy November 18, 2016.

**6:29 P.M. – 6:34 P.M. Road Foreman Report – Given by Tom Fadden**

Tom reported about recent road work, equipment repair/maintenance, water support system, wastewater support and village support (See attached report for more details). Elizabeth mentioned that Tom was featured in the magazine called Double Clutch with the 1927 fire truck. Eric also mentioned that Tom and Brittany have been working on the paved road inventory as well.

**6:34 P.M. – 6:45 P.M. Hardwick Electric Report – Given by Mike Sullivan**

Mike mentioned the lawsuit with the accountants was still on going with depositions coming up soon. He stated the yearly finances were 2% under on revenues and 2% under on expenses. Mike said the Cooperating Response Center Service, the phone service that answers after hours and during power outages, would be going live mid-December. He stated the Wolcott substation project was almost complete after undergoing repairs/upgrades. Mike mentioned upcoming changes in the new year to do with net metering, including no further solar installations and solar projects getting blended rates instead of retail rates. Mike said HED was considering purchasing one of the substations from Green Mountain Power as after the initial 3-5 year cost, they would see a significant savings owning it themselves. Long range planning would include additional maintenance and rebuilding distribution circuits. He stated that HED was 100% hazardous waste free for the moment, and in response to the request to empty the dam, that would be happening soon. Mike reported that the billing program switchover should be complete, so the bills should be corrected next billing cycle. Eric asked for the status of the Town/HED solar project, and Mike said the Town still had the rights to build and he would be putting the project back out to bid shortly.

**6:45 P.M. – 6:53 P.M. Item # 1, Request to Select Board to discuss painting a mural on the concrete wall in the parking lot across from 75 Mill Street.**

Gary Michaels explained he would like to see the wall in the parking lot across from the Village Market have some art added to it. He has talked with some locals about gathering art ideas and would only need the Town to pressure wash it, as he expected to get donations for paint. Kathleen mentioned the length of the wall being difficult to paint, and Gary suggested it be done in sections. When asked, Gary was unsure on how to get the project going but would ask advice from G.R.A.C.E, school kids, and local artists. Kathleen asked that the Select Board have the design approval and Shari agreed. Tom mentioned it may be damaged during snow removal. Kristen agreed to look into the zoning requirements for the project.

*Upon motion by Kory Barclay, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to give Gary Michaels permission to look into the project of painting a mural on the concrete wall across from Village Market.*

**6:53 P.M. – 6:54 P.M. Item # 2 Select Board to discuss Town Zoning bylaw changes and consider approval.**

*Upon motion by Kathleen Hemmens, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to approve the proposed Town Zoning by-law changes.*

**6:54 P.M. – 6:59 P.M. Item # 3, Select Board to discuss summer banner replacement. We currently have 14 flag banners for the summer and there is a suggestion that the Town purchase blank banners and arrange to make its own design.**

Shari explained that she would like to purchase blank banners to be able to make a new design to advertise First Friday during the summertime. She would like to involve the schools to help come up with a background that she could print the necessary information over. She suggested she look into grant funds before asking the Town to fund this project.

**6:59 P.M. – 7:03 P.M. Item # 4, Select Board to discuss Town Meeting Report dedication and cover photo.**

Brittany explained that the timeline for her and Alberta to put together the Town Report was very short so she requested the Board's decision on the dedication and cover photo to be able to get a head start. She mentioned the idea of Kubo & Atos or Michael Gohl and his buildings. Eric asked the Board to make a decision by their next meeting and Shari asked for the public's opinion.

**7:04 P.M. – 7:13 P.M. Item # 5, Select Board to discuss approving a resolution supporting the application and granting of VCDP funds for a planned project by Lamoille Housing Partnership and Housing Vermont to make building improvements to 9 South Main Street, 143 Highland Avenue and 38 Slapp Hill Road.**

Eric mentioned that he had spent some time going over the proposal with Jim, Jon and Brittany and although it was not a normal way to fund projects on the private scale, it was important to do so for low income housing. Jon mentioned there was also a promise to fix the clock on Main Street. Kory asked about the timeline for the project, and Jim hoped they could start next summer. Elizabeth asked where the budget information was and mentioned she would like to see this in the future. Matt apologized for the miscommunication, but thought the information had been uploaded. Brittany explained that the only people that have access to the online grant program were herself and Jon so without this information being in paper or email format, the Select Board would not get to review it. Kathleen asked what would result at the Church Street property, and Matt said they would be back to discuss that in the future.

*Upon motion by Kathleen Hemmens, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to approve the resolution to allow Jon to apply for a grant on behalf of Lamoille Housing Partnership and Housing Vermont.*

**7:13 P.M. – 7:23 P.M. Item # 6, Select Board to discuss how the Town will move forward to replace the current high pressure sodium vapor fixtures in the Town’s decorative streetlights.**

Eric explained that now that HED’s owned streetlights were changed over to LED, the Town was considering to replace the streetlights that they owned. Jon mentioned that there would be energy efficiency credits to offset the costs to switch to these LED lights. Jon explained the budget would have about \$8,000 extra in it this year, so that amount would pretty much cover the costs of the LED replacements and going forward they would have a lesser usage charge as well resulting in future savings. Jon also mentioned that HED would help install these lights as well over the winter.

*Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve Jon to purchase the traditional LED light fixtures to replace the current Town decorative streetlights.*

**Select Board Reports-** Shari mentioned that NEKARTS had a guest at their latest meeting and they expected to have new performers for the 2017 season including Opera and Shakespeare.

**New Business** – Tom mentioned he had applied for a \$165,000 grant for the fire department to be able to purchase air pack replacements.

**Old Business-** None

**7:28 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