

**MINUTES SELECT BOARD MEETING
6:00 P.M. Thursday, October 20, 2016
HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING
3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

Select Board

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

Others Present

Brittany Currie, Business Manager
Tom Fadden- Road Foreman
Aaron Cochran- Police Chief
Kristen Leahy- Zoning Administrator

Others Present

Mike Bielawski-Gazette
Coco Holton-Brown
Rick Holton

6:01 P.M. – Select Board Chair to call regular Select Board meeting to order

6:01 P.M. – Approval of the minutes of the regular Select Board meeting of October 6, 2016

Upon motion by Kathleen Hemmens, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2016 regular Select Board meeting as written.

6:01 P.M. - Set/Adjust Agenda – Eric mentioned the need to add an item #4 for the Select Board to consider a resolution supporting business planning and funding application to improve business opportunities in the Town of Hardwick and Brittany mentioned the need for item #5 for the Select Board to discuss a potential public hearing for Lamoille Housing Partnership.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to adjust the agenda as stated.

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

6:03 P.M. – 6:13 P.M. Town Manager Report – Given by Brittany Currie

Brittany reported about topics such as Recreation Committee operations policy, solid waste ordinance, wastewater loading, wastewater grit handling, streetlights, and FY2018 budget (See attached report for more details).

6:13 P.M. – 6:19 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).

6:19 P.M. – 6:24 P.M. Police Department Report – Given by Aaron Cochran

Aaron reported about the bi-annual drug take back on October 22, 2016 from 10am-2pm and that he has applied for a grant to install a metal box at the police station for drug drop-offs. He also reported that the Police Department are still collecting candy on behalf of the United Church and are up to about 50 pounds. He stated that they will be closing Cottage Street and Elm Street on Halloween around 5pm and he would have additional officers on the schedule for the entire Halloween weekend.

6:24 P.M. – 6:35 P.M. Item # 1, Planning Commission to present proposed zoning by-law updates, Select Board to set date for public hearing.

Kristen presented the proposed changes to the Town by-laws on behalf of the Planning Commission (See attached report for more details). She explained that they had been meeting monthly to update the bylaws due to updated state statues and these updates were the easy simple stuff for round one, to ensure the Town was in compliance, but to expect another round eventually. The Board discussed the upcoming Select Board schedule and Brittany noted that Item # 5 would also be a public hearing request by Lamoille Housing

Partnership in which they had grant deadlines involved so they requested to hold their hearing on November 10th or November 17th. She noted that Town budget discussions would also start on November 17th.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to set the public hearing date and time for the Planning Commission on November 17th at 5pm and the public hearing for Lamoille Housing Partnership on November 17th at 5:30pm with the regular Select Board meeting starting at 6pm.

6:35 P.M. – 6:49 P.M. Item # 2, Brittany Currie, Business Manager to present the First Quarter Budget Update

Brittany went over the Town financials for Quarter 1 FY2017 (See attached for more details).

6:49 P.M. – 6:52 P.M. Item # 3, Select Board to sign 1-Year Extension Contract for Greensboro Police Service.

Eric stated that this was the 1-year extension contract for the Greensboro Police Service that the Board had discussed at a previous meeting. Kory asked how much police time was spent in Greensboro, and Aaron said that they provide 24/7 police service to the Town of Greensboro and patrol as they could, but were always on call to respond to any calls from Greensboro.

Upon motion by Kathleen Hemmens, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to sign the one year extension contract for Greensboro Police Services.

6:53 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Item #4, Select Board to discuss and consider a resolution supporting business planning and funding application to improve business opportunities in the Town of Hardwick.

Eric explained that he and Jon had been meeting with the Center for Ag. and other business owners around Town to discuss the lack of space available for business growth and how to support future business opportunities in Town. This resolution would allow the Town to apply for a planning grant, to perform a feasibility study, and to look at different areas in Town and how they could expand business opportunities.

Upon motion by Kathleen Hemmens, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to sign the resolution allowing the Town to support business planning and funding applications and to authorize Jon to continue with the grant application.

Select Board Reports- Elizabeth read an announcement for HCTV about meet the candidates for the Representative for the House on October 26th from 7pm-8pm. She also said next week would be the last week for the Historical Depot being open, but appointments could be made after.

New Business- None

Old Business- Brittany reported about a neighbor who offered financial help with the Bayley Hazen cemetery fence project. Elizabeth said the Historical Depot would offer help in the transfer of funds as they were a non-profit group and Kory offered to reach out and see if high school would like to volunteer time.

7:08 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