

**MINUTES SELECT BOARD MEETING
6:00 P.M. Thursday, October 5th, 2017
HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING
3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

Select Board

Eric Remick, Chair (late)
Danny Hale, Vice Chair
Kory Barclay
Shari Cornish
Elizabeth Dow

Others Present

Jon Jewett, Town Manager
Amanda Atwood, Payroll Administrator
Aaron Cochran, Police Chief

Others Present

6:00 P.M. – Danny Hale, Select Board Vice Chair, called the regular Select Board meeting to order

6:00 P.M. – Select Board to consider approval of the minutes for its last regular Select Board meeting of September 21, 2017, By-law minutes from September 21, 2017, special executive meeting minutes from September 27th, 2017, and special meeting minutes from September 29th, 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 September 21st, 2017, the By-Law Minutes on September 21st, 2017, the Special Meeting Minutes from September 27th, 2017, and the Special Meeting Minutes from September 29th, 2017 as written.

6:00 P.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda – None

6:00 P.M. Communication from the Audience - None

6:00 P.M. – 6:05 P.M. Town Manager Report – Given by Jon Jewett

Jon reported on the PD Union Contract negotiations, the Town Cold Storage Facility, and the Delinquent Economic Development Loans (See attached report for more details).

6:05 P.M. – 6:08 P.M. Road Foreman Report – Given by Jon Jewett

Jon reported on road work, including working on Porter Brook Road, Pumpkin Lane, Catamount Road, Riverside Farm Road, Hardwick Farms, Montgomery Road, Dimick Road, Bailey Hazen Road, Tucker Brook Road, Town Farm Road, and Wapinaki Road. Jon reported that the Town crew had also hauled 4,600 yards of winter sand. (See attached report for more details).

6:08 P.M. – 6:13 P.M. Police Chief Report – Given by Aaron Cochran

Aaron thanked the Town Highway crew on the work that they did to the Police Department building drainage system. He also reported that Halloween was quickly approaching, and that the process will be the same as the last few years as there will be particular areas of the Village that will be open to trick - or - reaters. This is done for safety purposes. The United Church will be doing a candy drop - off to help those in the Village who get a lot of trick - or - treaters. The Police Department is one of the drop-off locations for the church. Aaron reported that Hazen Union had an Open House in September. The high school opened a resource center for students and parents. The Police Department attended the resource center opening and they brought their “Fatal Vision” goggles to show how difficult it is for intoxicated people manover a golf cart. The goggles are used to represent different levels of intoxication.

6:13 P.M. – 6:15 P.M. Item # 1, Select Board to consider appointing Caitlin Strong to be a Lister to fill a term ending in March 2018. This would require reappointment at the 2018 Town Meeting.

Eric mentioned that there was a special meeting in which some of the Select Board members met with Caitlin on September 29th, 2017.

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to appoint Caitlin Strong to fill the Lister position with term ending March 2018.

6:16 P.M. – 6:37 P.M. Item # 2, Select Board to discuss funding of the survey of Buffalo Mountain Trail. The cost is expected to be approximately \$7,200.

The Select Board met with the Town Lawyer on September 27th, 2017. Elizabeth mentioned that during the special meeting, the Town Lawyer recommended the Town go straight to mediation before having the trail surveyed. She said that at this point she is wondering what strategy does the Town want to use to approach Mr. Patten. Kory asked where the funding was coming from. Eric explained that the funding will have to come out of the cash reserves, unless the Town was to wait until the following year, and made sure the amount was allocated for in the budget. Eric mentioned that another course of action was to seek another opinion. Shari said that she was concerned with the amount of money that might get spend on having a survey completed, and not have it affective. Eric asked the Town Manager if all roads need to be surveyed, and Jon responded that most roads are surveyed when the road is first laid out. When a survey is in process the homeowners are notified, which may lead to a conflict with concerned landowners. Elizabeth stated that having a survey done would fully identify where the trail is and would define the right-of-way. Jon mentioned that if the road has been located in the same spot for 15 years or more, there is a legal acceptance of the road's location known as "dedication and acceptance". Eric asked if this survey is completed, will it help both parties move forward, and have other members of the public use the trail. No one could say that a survey would end the disagreement over the trail, but it might help the Town to determine where the trail is and make it easier to spot violations of highway law.

Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted two to one, with one abstention, and failed to approve the funding of \$7,200 to complete the survey of Buffalo Mountain Trail. Motion failed due to a lack of an approving quorum (one yes, two no, one abstention, and one recusal).

6:37 P.M. – 6:39 P.M. Item # 3, Select Board to consider declaring an official name for a private road off of Arsene Avenue in East Hardwick.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to approve the name for the private road as "Pete's Pond Road", located in East Hardwick.

Select Board Reports – Shari reported that the High School Drama Club is performing Bye Bye Birdie on November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at the Town House.

New Business – None **Old Business** – None

6:41 P.M. - Executive Session – Eric Remick asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, to include the Town Manager

Upon motion by Shari Cornish, Seconded by Danny Hale the Select Board voted to go into Executive

Session for “personnel” to include the Town Manager.

There was no decision. After discussion, the Select Board would asked to have an other executive session to for “legal” for the next Select Board Agenda. The executive session to include the Police Chief, and the Town Manager.

7:30 P.M. Out of Executive Session to open session.

7:31 P.M. Adjourn Meeting – Eric Remick adjourned the regular Select Board meeting.

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

Minutes taken by: _____
Amanda Atwood, Payroll Administrator