

**MINUTES SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING
12:30 P.M. Thursday, December 18, 2017
HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING**

Select Board

Eric Remick, Chair
Danny Hale, Vice Chair
Kory Barclay
Shari Cornish
Elizabeth Dow-Absent

Others Present

Jon Jewett, Town Manager
Amanda Atwood, Payroll Administrator

Others Present

Emily Lanxner
JudyBellairs
Norma Spaulding

12:33 P.M. – Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, called the regular Select Board meeting to order

12:34 P.M. – Select Board to consider approval of the minutes for its regular Select Board meeting of December 7, 2017

Upon motion by Kory Barclay, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular Select Board meeting of December 7th, 2017 as written.

12:35 P.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda

Amanda proposed to add an Item # 6, Select Board to consider a resolution adopting the All Hazards Mitigation Plan update.

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to approve the amended agenda as written.

12:36 P.M. – Communication from the Audience- None

12:36 P.M. – 1:01 P.M. Item #1, Select Board to hear Emily Lanxner’s request for use of Memorial building third floor for dance club activities.

Emily was trying to schedule the Memorial Building- third floor conference room for two separate activities. One use is for the Mobilization for Pollinator Survival, which is a onetime use. The other use was a dance activity which is a Buffalo Mountain Co-op learning exchange program, which would be held twice a month. Emily stated these two activities are community benefits, and should be considered a service group activity. Shari asked what the dates and times were for these activities. Emily stated that the Mobilization for Pollinator Survival would be between Christmas and New Year’s Eve. The time of day would be evening, but specifics were unknown. Jon asked how many people would be attending the Mobilization for Pollinator Survival, in which Emily replied between 4 and 12 people. Jon stated the Third floor Memorial room isn't an ideal area, due to a lot of sensitive, irreplaceable items, and the Town limits the use of that room in the winter time to try and save fuel costs. Jon suggested using the Memorial Room on the second floor. Emily said that she was unsure of the size of Memorial Room on the second floor, but would be willing to check it out. Eric mentioned that there is another public area located at the Police Station, on the Senior Citizen side of the building. After looking at the Memorial building usage policy, the Board agreed to update the policy and address the heating in the winter.

The Select Board asked Emily to check out the other two public spaces that were available, and if the third floor room is still needed, then she needs to provide the dates and times she would be using the facilities to the Town Manager’s Office to determine the availability of the space and to finalize arrangements.

1:02 P.M. – 1:07 P.M. Item #2, Select Board to consider approval for the Town Manager to sign loan documents forgiving interest and refinancing certain buildings in Hardwick owned by Lamoille

Housing Partnership and Housing Vermont.

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to approve the Town Manager to sign the loan documents forgiving interest and refinancing on certain buildings in Hardwick owned by the Lamoille Housing Partnership and Housing Vermont, pending legal review and the approval of the Town Attorney, and to decline to be removed from the third refusal on 9 Mill Street.

1:07 P.M. – 1:21 P.M. Item #3, Select Board to discuss Town Garage issues – heating and space etc., and need to set aside funding for upgrade to heat and other building deficiencies.

Eric mentioned that the current heating system is falling apart, and not properly sized. Eric was concerned about putting a lot of money into the current town garage, which is inadequate in many ways, and might be turned into cold storage after a new town garage is built. Eric had asked Brittany what the bond payment would be to build a new town garage, assuming a total cost of about \$600,000. The bond payment was higher than anticipated. Danny pointed out that even after a new town garage is built, it may be useful to keep the existing town garage as a heated space. Once the new building is built, one option is using the old garage for use by the Rescue Squad, Police vehicle maintenance, Highway storage, and the Fire Department. These uses would require the building to remain heated. Given this scenario of the existing town garage remaining as a heated space even after the construction of a new town garage, the board was more comfortable with moving ahead with necessary repairs to the existing building. For now, the Select Board would like an energy audit performed to determine what needs to be done to adequately heat the building.

1:21 P.M. – 1:23 P.M. Item #4, Select Board to consider approval of latest “Errors and Omissions” from the Town Listers.

Jon reported that there was a change to the Tom Bellavance property on West Hill Road, which caused the appraisal to go down, reducing the Grand List \$8,500. The David Ring property entered Current Use and will depress the taxable Grand List by \$93,500.

Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to approve the latest Errors and Omissions from the Town Listers.

1:23 P.M. – 1:24 P.M. Item #5, Select Board to discuss the cover photo and dedication for the 2017 Town Report.

Upon motion by Kory Barclay, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to move this to an Executive session to keep the decision a surprise.

1:24 P.M. – 1:26 P.M. Item #6, Select Board to consider a resolution adopting the All Hazards Mitigation Plan update.

Jon read the certificate of local adoption of the All Hazard Plan Update.

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to approve the All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update.

Select Board Reports- None

New Business- Shari stated that at the next Select Board meeting, the Select Board should announce when the petition for running for the Select Board next year, the appropriations, and all other reports are due.

Old Business- None

1:28 P.M. - *Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Danny Hale, the Select Board voted to enter into*

an executive session to discuss the cover photo and dedication for the 2017 Town Report, and David Patten's property relating to Tax Sale, to include Jon Jewett, Town Manager.

1:34 P.M. – The Select Board came out of Executive Session and chose to dedicate the 2017 Town Report to Edgar Davis who passed away last year. Edgar was a long time substitute teacher at Hazen Union and co proprietor of the Whistle Emporium on South Main Street.

1:35 P.M. – *Upon Motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Kory Barclay, the Select Board voted to go back into Executive session to discuss the Tax Sale property and legal matters.*

1:50 P.M. – The Hardwick Select Board came out of executive session and no action was taken.

1:52 P.M. – **Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, adjourned the meeting.**

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

Minutes taken by: _____
Amanda Atwood, Payroll Administrator