



TOWN OF CALAIS

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Selectboard Special Meetings Minutes
Monday, January 2, 2023 at 6:00PM
and
Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 6:00PM

Attending January 2: Denise Wheler, Rick Kehne, Sharon Fannon and John Brabant

Absent: Marc Mihaly

Others attending: ORCA media, Barbara Butler, David Delcore (Times Argus), Reenie DeGus

- Call to Order at 6:05 pm
- Additions/Changes to the Agenda - NONE
- Review and Sign Warrants

At 6:06 pm Denise Wheeler made a motion to enter executive session per 1 VSA § 313(a)(3) (appointment or employment of a public officer or employee) and invite a director of public works candidate to join us, this was seconded by Rick Kehne and unanimously approved.

At 7:00 p.m. the board exited executive session and had nothing to report.

Public Comment

Barbara Butler – town report schedule and timeline; graphic designer getting married.

Reenie DeGus representing (CPA) requested board to sign Curtis Pond Dam permit applications; increase CPA ARPA fund request from \$50,000 to \$100,000; put bond vote on town meeting warning.

Reenie DeGus representing East Calais Fire District increase \$30,000 ARPA request to \$60,000.

Denise Wheeler made a motion to authorize Donna Fitch to organize and manage the towns grants at \$20/hour not to exceed \$1500 without prior board approval; this was seconded by Rick Kehne and unanimously approved.

Denise Wheeler made a motion to approve the use of town hall reserve funds to pay the invoice from GT Painting & Contracting in the amount of \$10,250 for restoration of exterior shutters; this was seconded by Rick Kehne and unanimously approved.

The board continued discussion and review of the FY 2024 Budget.

At 8:33 pm Denise Wheeler made a motion to enter Executive Session per 1 VSA § 313(a)(3) (appointment or employment of a public officer or employee), this was seconded by Rick Kehne and unanimously approved. At 9:25 pm the board exited executive session and had nothing to report.

The board continued this meeting to Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Maple Corner Community Center.

Attending: Denise Wheeler, Rick Kehne, Sharon Fannon and John Brabant

At 6:05 pm the board reconvened and resumed review and discussion of the FY 24 budget.

The board discussed that road crew member; Peter Dailey had been out for several days having contracted Covid. Rick Kehne believes he is the reason Peter contracted Covid because they did a ride around on the roads for several hours after which Rick stated he tested positive for Covid. The board authorized a one-time forgiveness for Peter to not use his sick leave to cover his absence. This was moved by Denise Wheeler, seconded by John Brabant and unanimously approved.

The board noted that Wendy Wilton, NEMRC would be attending the meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6 p.m. to review the FY budget and Warning with the Board.

At 8:30 p.m. Rick Kehne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Brabant and unanimously approved.

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