



## TOWN OF CALAIS

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### Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 28, 2022

Location: Calais Town Hall (note no Zoom option)

Board Attending: Rick Kehne, Denise Wheeler, Sharon Fannon and Marc Mihaly

Absent: John Brabant

Others attending: Steve Gray, Marge Sweeney, John Rosenblum, Craig Line (outgoing KHL Trustee), Carolyn Brennan (Co-Director, KHL), Jeff Dean (new KHL Trustee)

Called to Order at 6:03 p.m.

- Additions/Changes to the Agenda - None
- Review and Sign Warrants – circulating for signatures

At 6:05 p.m. Marc Mihaly moved to enter into Executive Session under 1 VSA §313(a)(3), relating to appointment or employment of a public officer or employee and invited an applicant for the Treasurer/Business Manager position to join the Board, this was seconded by Denise Wheeler and unanimously approved.

At 6:59 p.m. by motion of Denise Wheeler, seconded by Marc Mihaly and approved by the Board the Board exited Execution Session and reported they will be taking action consistent with the Executive Session discussion.

7:00 PM – Sign in for Public Comment

Consent Agenda:

The Board deferred the approval of the minutes to another meeting.

Denise Wheeler made a motion to reappoint Ryan Edwards for a three year Development Review Board (DRB) term, ending in 2025; reappoint Anne Winchester E-911 coordinator, one year term ending 2023; and to reappoint Jared Thomas Center Vermont Fiber (CV Fiber), one year term ending 2023. The motion was seconded by Rick Kehne and unanimously approved by the Board.

Personnel Update:

Denise Wheeler updated the Board on applicants for the Treasurer/Business Manager position noting we received another inquiry. The applicant has been contacted to request a resume. The Director of Public Works position has been readvertised on FPF, 7 Days, Hardwick Gazette, Times Argus, VLCT job ad bulletin board. The Road Crew continues to be actively engaged and working hard to address the town roads. They have been responsive and helpful.

Public Comment:

Marge Sweeney and John Rosenblum of the Curtis Pond Association presented a written request for increased ARPA funds from \$30,000 to \$100,000 for repairs to the Curtis Pond dam. They also offered to have Jeff Tucker of DuBois and King engineering firm to provide an informational presentation and permits status to the Board at a future meeting.

John Rosenblum said that should the dam fail, Maple Corner Store would be destroyed and the Store cannot afford flood insurance. The Store is dependent on summer sales to survive.

John Rosenblum thanked the Board for their volunteer service to the Town.

Craig Line also thanked the Board for their service. He stated he found it distressing and unacceptable that the Board had been treated critically by some residents and stated the Board has a challenging job to do and he appreciates our work.

Steve Gray, explained the annual Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) snowmobile trails request from the Mtn. Tamers for use of town roads with minor changes as stated in his letter of November 12, 2022. The trails are open from December 16 to April 15. John Brabant made a motion to approve the annual request, seconded by Marc Mihaly and unanimously approved.

Timeline to Town Meeting - the Board discussed options for Town Meeting 2023. Town Meeting 2022 was a hybrid informational meeting and worked well with more opportunities for the public to participate. The Board is considering In-person or Zoom informational and ballot votes for all warned items. Denise Wheeler reviewed the updated spreadsheet of requests for funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding requests to date. All requests outside of Town government specific will be on the 2023 Warning similar to the Social Services requests.

Update from Kellogg Hubbard Library, Craig Line, Trustee; Carolyn Brennan, Co-Director and Jeff Dean newly elected Trustee. Craig and Carolyn updated the Board on KHL activities during the past year. KHL continues to be an important community hub of activities including filling a gap in responding to and helping with social services related questions and providing a safe place for the homeless during the day. Book circulation and digital services continue to increase and has been an important service during Covid. The Board thanked Craig for his many years of dedicated and committed service on the KHL Board of Trustees. The Board welcomed and thanked Jeff Dean for serving.

8:30 PM Roads Report – Rick provided an update (copy attached).

\* Winter plow routes – the Road Crew is reviewing and redesigning the plow routes to make them more evenly distributed. The former Road Commissioner's

plow route was on average about 3 hours and the Crew routes were on average about 6 hours. The Crew believes they can provide better service to the Town in the redesign of the routes.

The Board had a brief round-robin discussion on items of old business and other business and reviewed the list of future agenda items.

At 9:10 p.m. Marc Mihaly made a motion to adjourn, this was seconded by Rick Kehne and unanimously approved.