

Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7 pm via Zoom conference call

Present: Denise Wheeler (Chair), Sharon Winn Fannon (Vice Chair), Rose Pelchuck (Member), Clif Emmons (Member), ORCA Media, Katie Lane-Karnas (Recording Secretary), Judy Robert, Alfred Larrabee

Absent: John Brabant (Member)

1. Call to Order: Denise Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Review, Additions/Changes to Agenda: None.
4. Executive Session for Personnel Matters: Denise Wheeler made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:00 pm per 1 V.S.A. subsection 313 (a) (3), personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Rose Pelchuck, voted on and carried 4-0. The Board resumed Regular Session at 7:30 pm. The Chair had nothing to report publicly. Clif Emmons made a motion that the Selectboard formally reappoint Alfred Larrabee to the position of Road Commissioner. Denise Wheeler seconded and the motion was voted and passed 4-0.
5. Town Meeting Warning: The Town Clerk explained that the Town Attorney reviewed the Town Meeting Day documents, and the group reviewed the final version (all the warned items' content remain the same). The Town Clerk will make the original copy available for each Selectboard member to sign at the office. The Notice to Voters had been updated for COVID-19 measures. The Clerk made the group aware of a change in law permitting disabled people to receive electronic ballots as military voters do. The Town Clerk will make changes as discussed.

Denise Wheeler made a motion to approve the March 2, 2021 Town Meeting Warning, dated January 18. Clif Emmons seconded and the motion was voted and passed 4-0.
6. 2020 Selectboard Report for Annual Report: The group performed a detailed review of the final draft of the report of the Selectboard for the Town Report. The Board reviewed each item to whittle down the dozens of actions the Board took this year to feature the central highlights of the Board's work in this document to residents. Sharon will complete the edits and send the final document to members this evening.
7. Executive Session for Personnel Matters: Denise Wheeler made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30 pm per 1 V.S.A. subsection 313 (a) (3), personnel matters, and invited the Road Commissioner, Alfred Larrabee, to join them. The motion was seconded by Clif Emmons, voted on and carried 4-0. The Board resumed Regular Session at 9:13pm. The Chair reported the Selectboard has authorized Alfred Larrabee to recruit for a full time road crew employee and hire a temporary, part time road crew employee.

8. Other Business/Old Business/New Business: Clif Emmons inquired how the Selectboard plans to hold the informational hearing on February 20th via Zoom and if additional IT equipment/licenses have to be purchased ahead of time. The Selectboard discussed different scenarios and agreed to hold a "dry run" prior to the actual hearing. Clif has a better understanding now of what options he needs to investigate.
9. Adjournment: Clif Emmons made a motion to adjourn at 9:29 pm. Sharon Winn Fannon seconded the motion which was voted on and carried 4-0.

Date: 1/20/2021 Respectfully Submitted, Katie Lane-Karnas, Recording Secretary
Approved by the Selectboard at the 2/8/2021 meeting

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