



TOWN OF CALAIS

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Selectboard Special Meetings Minutes

Approved August 22, 2022

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Location: Calais Town Hall (note no Zoom option)

PLEASE NOTE: Agenda items may be taken up earlier than noted if the 15 minutes set aside for public comment is not used, or if other items are completed more quickly than anticipated.

August 10, 2022 MINUTES:

Attendance: Denise Wheeler, Rick Kehne, Sharon Fannon and Marc Mihaly
Others attending: ORCA Media, Donna Fitch, John McCullough, David Schutz

Absent: John Brabant

Call to Order at 6 pm

Public Comment – none

At 6 pm Marc Mihaly made a motion for the Board to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters per 1 VSA §313(a), the motion was seconded by Rick Kehne and unanimously approved. At 7 pm Rick Kehne moved for the Board to exit Executive session, this was seconded by Marc Mihaly, and unanimously approved. The Board reported that it will be taking action consistent with the steps outlined in Executive Session.

Approve Emergency ROW application for Peter and Jan Brough on Batten Rd. to replace broken water line – postponed to 8-22-2022

Approve Grady Thayer painting of town hall shutters and funding. Donna Fitch and John McCullough explained the history surrounding the painting of the Hall shutters. It was discovered upon further inspection by John McCullough that some of the shutters had not been refurbished or painted. The approximate cost for Grady Thayer (who painted the outside of the Hall) to refurbish and paint the 12 remaining shutters is \$4,800. Denise Wheeler made a motion to authorize Grady Thayer to do the work in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. which will be taken from the Town Hall Reserve Fund, the motion was seconded by Rick Kehne, and unanimously approved.

At 7:10 pm Denise Wheeler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marc Mihaly, and unanimously approved.

Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM
East Montpelier/Calais Fire Station
Location: 54 Village Acres in East Montpelier (note no Zoom option)

Joint Meeting with East Montpelier Selectboard and
East Montpelier Fire Department.

August 11, 2022 NOTES:

Calais Selectboard in attendance: Rick Kehne and Denise Wheeler (not a quorum)

Absent: Marc Mihaly, Sharon Fannon and John Brabant

Others attending: Jon Jewett (E. Mont. SB), Gina Jenkins (E. Mont. Town Administrator) and ORCA Media

EMFD: Larry Brown, Paul Guare, Toby Talbot, Sandy Conti and Ty Rolland,

7:00 PM

- Call to Order at 7 pm by Denise Wheeler
- Public Comment - none

Larry Brown stated the EMFD (like other organizations in Vermont) is experiencing issues with retention and recruitment of volunteers. EMFD is looking to promote itself by reaching out to women, younger people and are seeing some volunteers who previously left the EMFD are returning. EMFD is also developing a comprehensive training program.

The EMFD Board is also looking at EMT wages and how to be competitive in the market which may increase the budget.

- Review budget – Toby Talbot reviewed the budget – end of FY 2022 and call logs.
- Sandy Conti asked the Board's to think about a tax incentive to residents who serve on EMFD (like the Veteran's benefit). Or to support legislation granting tax incentives to fire department and emergency service volunteers throughout the State.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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