



TOWN OF CALAIS

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Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Calais Town Hall

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.

Selectboard attending: Sharon Fannon, Denise Wheeler, John Brabant, Rick Kehne and Marc Mihaly

Others Attending: Erik Oberlin, director of public works, Calais resident Eric Sorenson, and a candidate for the treasurer/business manager position

- 7:00 pm - Call to Order
- Public Comment

Eric Sorenson noted that the road crew was putting unused road material from the Moscow Woods Rd. project on the class 4 portion of Peck Hill Rd. He stated his appreciation since it has been many years since any work has been done to the road.

- Update from Director of Public Works

Erik Oberlin said he had met with the road crew and road commissioner (RC) at the town garage. The atmosphere was tense at times with the RC criticizing the selectboard. Erik explained to the crew and RC that the public works director role is to support the highway department and RC in their work, with particular focus on grants, budgets and strategic planning, and not to displace anyone.

Erik will continue to meet with the crew to learn from them and evaluate their needs after the RC's last day of employment (9/29/2022). He said the crew is

highly competent, motivated and wants to move forward.

Erik stated that Ed Rowell (temporary road crew member) has resigned.

The selectboard will advertise for another crew member including the \$2,000 sign on bonus.

Erik requested a line-by-line budget summary in Excel format for the past 2-3 fiscal years. Denise will ask NEMRC to provide this information.

Erik and Rick are scheduled to meet with the WCUUSD staff regarding bus routes for this coming winter.

The board thanked Erik for his efforts during this transition period.

At 7:38 pm Marc Mihaly made a motion to enter executive session per 1 VSA § 313(a)(3) to discuss a personnel matter, with director of public works Erik Oberlin joining. The motion was seconded by Denise Wheeler and unanimously approved.

At 8:05 pm Denise Wheeler made a motion to resume regular session, this was seconded by Rick Kehne and unanimously approved. The board had nothing to report.

At 8:06 pm Rick Kehne made motion to enter executive session per 1 VSA § 313(a)(3) to interview a candidate for the treasurer/business manager position, this was seconded by Marc Mihaly and unanimously approved. The candidate joined the executive session.

At 9:25 pm Marc Mihaly made a motion to resume regular session, this was seconded by Rick Kehne and unanimously approved. The board had nothing to report.

- At 9:29 pm Rich Kehne made a motion to adjourn, this was seconded by Marc Mihaly and unanimously approved.

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