

SPECIAL MEETING Minutes

March 1, 2021

Meeting to be held virtually through a video conference *

Selectboard Present: Greg Meulemans (Chair), Tom Tolbert, Paul Fraser, Jessica Pollack and Andy Coyne

Public Present: Lou Bruso

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Late Addition: Liquor License for new owners of D& K's

Tom made a motion to approve the liquor license for the West River Provisions. Seconded by Paul. Can this be done at a special meeting?

Tom withdrew his motion. Tabled until next week.

1. Discuss options and approve warning for hearings for Town Charter change

The options regarding the lister position. The town charter says we can appoint a lister or accessor to make a quorum.

The options are still there if we change the charter. We could appoint listers or an accessor.

If you take all mentions of the word lister from the charter, then it would fall to the Vermont Statutes.

The discussion is about changing the charter or not.

Lou said there are three parts for the lister position.

First, the appraisal of homes and keeping up on changes to homes. This could be done by a professional appraiser.

Second is the clerical aspect.

Last is the day to day operations, such as providing lister cards and such.

Paul made a motion to warn the town meeting to make a change to the charter to remove the lister as an elected position. Seconded by Greg.

This would be to eliminate the position of the lister so it reverts back to the state law.

Jessica said we have to eliminate the position of lister in order to change it permanently. If we do not take it out of the town charter, we would have to warn three lister positions every year.

The change to the charter would have to change the lister position from an elected to an appointed position.

The section of the town charter about appointed positions, should be changed as well.

Motion withdrew by Paul.

Paul made a motion that the Selectboard would like to change the charter to eliminate the lister position as elected and make it appointed to hire listers and/or an accessor. Tom Seconded.

Motion passed 4-1.

In order to get this on to this year's town meeting warning, there will need to be two hearings that are 30-40 days from Town Meeting.

The dates of the hearings would be Thursday, April 1st and Thursday April 8th.
Lou said that not only does a charter change need to go to a town vote, it also needs to be approved by the legislative so someone needs to be appointed to do grievance in the spring.

Tom made a motion to adjourn 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall