

Selectboard Minutes  
July 12, 2021

Selectboard Present: Greg Meulemans (chair), Tom Tolbert, Andy Coyne and Jessica Pollack

Public Present: Paul Fraser, Karen Ameden, Bob Stone, Joel Bluming, Jeannine Stone and Anne Connor

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

1. *Call for any late additions to the agenda*
  - a. Hot spots in town

2. *Approve the minutes from the June 28<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting*

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 28<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting, seconded by Andy. Greg added they exited the executive session at 9:15 p.m. All in favor.

3. *Planning Commission resignation, new appointment*

Scott Gordon has resigned from the Planning Commission, Charlie Peck has volunteered to take his place. Tom made a motion to appoint Charlie Peck to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment, seconded by Greg. Thank you to Scott Gordon for all he has done. All in favor.

4. *Appoint Flood Zoning Administrator*

Since Lou resigned, we have been without a flood zone administrator. The Planning Commission met to consider an applicant. Mike Tuller is the current Zoning Administrator in Wilmington.

Greg made a motion to appoint Mike Tuller as Flood Zone Administrator, seconded by Tom. All in favor.

5. *Discussion – next steps for Bridge 32 alternatives*

The board needs to make a decision within the next month or two as to what we want done to the bridge. Greg would like to connect with the Army Corps of Engineers on their thoughts on the bridge. Joel will seek out more information, as will the board members. Terri will be at the next meeting to discuss the financial side of the bridge.

6. *Discussion – request to add A/C to Town Hall*

The women's auxiliary would like to give the town money to put air conditioning in the town hall. They contacted the state to see if it is possible. In 2006, we gave an easement to the preservation society of Vermont. Nothing can be done to change the historical aspect of the building. The proposal is to put in two units on either side of the stage and then cover them to make it look like it belongs in the old building. It would cost around \$17,000. The women's auxiliary will give \$5,000, leaving the town responsible for the remaining \$12,000. Tom will reach out to Meg Campbell to see if it is even possible.

*7. Discussion – to possibly remove guard rails on Water Street*

A resident asked last week about removing a guard rail on Water Street. Tom spoke with Marc Pickering at VTrans and he said guard rails are recommended. They can be removed at the town's discretion. If the guard rail was removed, they could sue the town. It is not recommended that we take it out. FEMA also had conditions that they would not help again if the guard rail was not put in to begin with.

*8. Discussion – next steps for cannabis sales in town*

Back in March, we had a town vote. We have not moved anywhere since then. There is some concern that we did not vote on the right thing. The town lawyer said that because we did not warn the vote properly, they can either go to the town and ask to ratify. Could we just throw the vote out? Saying it was a non-legal vote because it was not warned properly.

Greg would like to get more information on what should be done. Jessica said we can take an action that recognizes the vote was defective. Tom and Greg will speak with the town lawyer.

**Hotspots Update:** We have one at the town office and one at the town hall. The one at the town hall had been unplugged. The licensing expired in May, but then we did have a license for month to month but now have a five year license. Both hotspots are up and running.

*9. Public concerns*

Anne Connor on Worden Road has put her name in to serve on the WRED school board. If appointed, she looks forward to working with the board and representing Jamaica.

The Jamaica Fire Department extends an invitation for a volunteer drive. They need firefighters and people to help with clerical work among other things.

The Sheriff's Department is trying to negotiate a contract with Londonderry. The Sheriff's Department owes us 123 hours from last fiscal year. There are options for the hours or a refund. He will also come to a meeting to answer any questions and explain it in more detail. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. Review time sheets for town office, listers, highway and transfer station

11. Review pay orders

Andy made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall