

1 **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

2 December 6, 2023

3 Attending the meeting; Merrily Lovell, Maggie Gordon, Mike Loner, Paul Lamberson, Todd Odit, Joy  
4 Dubin Grossman, Alex and Taylor Goodchild. Dennis Place was absent.

5 Attending remotely; Jake Twarog, Margaret McNurlan, Alex Weinhausen

6 Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. via zoom

7 Agenda Additions or Deletions

8 none

9 Public Comment

10 Alex and Taylor addressed the recent events from last Friday at HCS. The need for better communication  
11 was noted. Todd said he met with Chief Cambridge and school officials. They will have another meeting  
12 tomorrow to talk about working more collaboratively. This will be on the agenda at a future meeting for  
13 more discussion.

14 Approve Minutes of 11/8 and 11/15

15 Maggie moved to approve the minutes of 11/8 and 11/15 as amended. Seconded by Mike and approved  
16 with 4 yes votes.

17 Selectboard Forum

18 Maggie asked Board members to respond to her email about times they are available to meet with the  
19 public about the budget.

20 Merrily said there will be pre-budget meeting on 12/15 at noon with the County Assistant Judges where  
21 towns can give input on the budget.

22 Merrily said she, Maggie, Todd, and Anthony will meet with Richmond about policing.

23 Merrily said she received a request from FPF asking municipalities to donate to them. This will be the  
24 agenda at the next meeting.

25 Consider Approval of Residential Water and Wastewater Design Flows

26 Maggie moved the Board convene as the Water and Wastewater Commissioners. Seconded by Mike and  
27 approved with 4 yes votes.

28 Alex explained the new numbers proposed are based on average actual use.

29 Maggie moved to approve the design flows for water use of 75 gpd for 1 bedroom, 100 gpd for 2  
30 bedrooms, and 150 gpd for 3 or more bedrooms. Seconded by Paul. Merrily said she prefers the more  
31 conservative numbers noted in the memo. Todd said these can be evaluated and changed every year as  
32 needed. Motion voted and approved with 4 yes votes.

33 Paul moved to adjourn as the Water and Wastewater Commissioners. Seconded by Merrily and  
34 approved with 4 yes votes.

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36 Consider Approval of Pumphouse Lot Purchase Option Waiver

37 The Board previously agreed to release the option to purchase and now needs to approve the waiver.

38 Paul moved to approve the waiver of option to purchase and authorize the Town Manager to be the  
39 Town Agent to execute the document. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 4 yes votes.

40 Consider Approval of Community Bank Repurchase Agreement (CD Investment)

41 Paul moved to approve the repurchase agreement with Community Bank. Seconded by Mike and  
42 approved with 4 yes votes.

43 Mini-pumper Financing Update and Recommended Alternative

44 Todd presented two alternatives for funding the mini-pumper.

45 Paul moved to use ARPA funds to pay the entire cost of \$394,700. Then move the \$230,000 to an  
46 unassigned capital fund and add \$42,000 to it for 4 years starting in FY25. The Town will then have  
47 \$398,000 set aside that will not have any ARPA restrictions. Seconded by Mike and approved with 4 yes  
48 votes.

49 Discussion of Town of Williston Community Justice Center Funding Request

50 The Town received a letter from the Williston CJC requesting funding. Todd said this is a heads up for the  
51 future. He responded to Williston that using just the population is not the best way to figure a funding  
52 amount requested.

53 Draft FY25 Operating Budget and Capital Budget Review and Discussion

54 The Board reviewed the budget with the latest changes and discussed some ideas on possible  
55 reductions.

56 Warn Public Hearing for Draft Operating and Capital Budgets

57 Mike moved to warn a public hearing on the draft FY25 Capital and Operating budgets for January 3,  
58 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 4 yes votes.

59 Town Manager Report

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- there is a disagreement on the village south sidewalk project that needs to be resolved
  - the grant for the Rt116 sidewalk repairs has been submitted
  - Todd has found a contractor who did some needed sidewalk panel repairs
  - The Public Safety Study should come to the Board the first week in February
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64 Jake Twarog said he is glad to see the GMT funding in the budget has not been reduced. He added with  
65 all the development in the Town center area, ideally walkable to the Town Hall, he encouraged the Board

66 to work with GMT to perhaps get better service for the same amount of money or increase the Town's  
67 budget. It would be good to have reliable bus service before people move into the area.

68 Approve Warrants and Payroll

69 Mike moved to approve the warrants, including payroll, signed by Merrily and Maggie as submitted by  
70 the Town Treasurer. Seconded by Merrily and approved with 4 yes votes.

71 Motion to Enter Executive Session Under Provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3)

72 Merrily moved to go into executive session pursuant of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) including Selectboard members,  
73 Todd, and Joy. Seconded by Mike and approved with 4 yes votes.

74 Maggie Gordon moved and Mike Loner seconded to exit executive session at 8:14 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

75 Paul Lamberson moved and Merrily Lovell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

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78 Adjourn

79 Respectfully submitted,

80 Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board

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