

1 **SELECTBOARD MEETING approved**

2 March 15, 2023

3 Attending the meeting; Merrily Lovell, Maggie Gordon, Mike Loner, Dennis Place, Paul Lamberson, Todd
4 Odit, Joy Dubin Grossman, Sally Mead, Pricilla Reidinger, Janet Francis, Stephen Cote, Pat Mainer, Chris
5 Page, Chawna Cota.

6 Attending remotely; Charles Kogge, Kevin and Erin Dente, Catherine Moller, Mitch Cypes, Margaret
7 McNurlan, James Jarvis, Phil Pouech, Alex Weinhausen, Jennifer Decker, Ben Feinson, Robert Linck, Renee
8 Mobbs, Laura Wisniewski, Lou Colasanti, Michael Patterson, Kristin Dykson, Jim and Kathy Rohde

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

10 Selectboard Reorganization

11 Dennis nominated Merrily Lovell as Chair. Seconded by Mike. There were no other nominations. Mike
12 moved to appoint Merrily as Chair of the Selectboard. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 4 yes
13 votes.

14 Mike nominated Maggie as Vice Chair. Seconded by Merrily. There were no other nominations. Mike
15 moved to appoint Maggie as Vice Chair of the Selectboard. Seconded by Merrily and approved with 5
16 yes votes.

17 Agenda Additions or Deletions

18 none

19 Public Comment

20 Pat Mainer was present to inform the Board and have an official record of a situation. On Jan 8, at
21 Todd's request, Pat met with an adjoining landowner to the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest and gave
22 him permission to cut a tree that was knocked down and leaning over a shed. During discussion with
23 this person the issue of the beaver dam being removed by an individual was mentioned. Pat thought
24 this might be a violation of the conversation easement which VLT administers. VLT said it was an
25 encroachment not a violation. Todd has since talked to the landowner and advised him not to do this
26 again.

27 Approve Minutes of 2/15 and 3/1

28 Maggie moved to approve the minutes of 2/15 and 3/1 as amended. Seconded by Merrily and approved
29 with 3 yes votes. Mike and Paul abstained.

30 Selectboard Forum

31 Merrily announced that Mike Anthony submitted his resignation as Road Foreman last Thursday night to
32 the Selectboard effective immediately.

33 Merrily brought up that several local towns approved at their town meetings to implement a local
34 option tax. Todd had mentioned this to the Board as a way to bring some money into the Town to help
35 relieve the tax burden. In order to do that we need to have a charter. She suggests creating a

36 committee to write a charter and have it approved at Town Meeting. Mike noted the State also needs
37 to approve it. Todd suggested if we want to do this to have an election in the fall so the charter ready to
38 go to the legislature for consideration shortly after. Then it can be voted on at the next Town Meeting.

39 The Board agreed to keep the meeting time at 6:00 p.m.

40 Paul asked what the purpose of the forum is. Merrily explained it is if the Selectboard members have
41 items not on the agenda they want to report on. Paul asked if there is a process for emails that come to
42 Board members before a meeting. Merrily said they include each other in any response but there
43 cannot be a conversation. Maggie said she would like to discuss this item further at their retreat.

44 Request for Permission to Use Town Roads for Trail Run Event

45 Maggie moved to approve the use of Hinesburg Hollow and Lincoln Hill Roads for the ALFC 50k trail run
46 on Saturday July 8, 2023. Seconded by Paul and approved with 5 yes votes.

47 Presentation of Energy Standard Regulations

48 Alex reviewed the work done on the changes to zoning and subdivision relating to energy. Maggie asked
49 if there was feedback at the hearings the PC had. Alex said there was some and a few cautioned the PC
50 with going too far with these regulations. This helped the PC to simplify the proposal and not be too
51 specific with building design but leave it up to the developer to address energy conservation.

52 April 19 the Selectboard will hold their public hearing on these proposed changes.

53 Consider Participating in Appeal of Lavalette DRB Decision

54 Dennis recused himself from this item.

55 The Lavalette's are appealing the DRB denial.

56 Maggie moved to authorize the Town Manager to engage an attorney to represent the Town in this
57 matter. Seconded by Paul.

58 Phil said he agrees the Selectboard should back up the DRB with their decision.

59 Motion voted and approved with 4 yes votes.

60 Selectboard Discussion of Town Landfill

61 Todd said since the last meeting Joy contacted the other two firms who also send proposals to do the
62 project and asked them to do a peer review of the reports of Stone and give an opinion. They expect to
63 have them back by March 24.

64 Joy asked Katrina, of Stone, the cost proposal of their recommendation of adding four more drinking
65 wells to the bi-annual monitoring. Also, for a cost proposal to meet the request for testing by those
66 that are not being tested.

67 Stone's information was sent to the State for review and the State found their recommendation
68 acceptable.

69 Maggie said this is a serious situation and she is uncomfortable with the Selectboard making the
70 decision of who and where gets tested. We should do what is always done, identify and hire a
71 professional and follow their recommendations.

72 Mike agrees the Selectboard are not experts and we should follow the recommendations of the
73 engineers. Mike is looking for the costs to bring Town water up to that community. At some point the
74 cost of testing and POET systems may meet that cost. We need to figure out a long term solution.

75 Todd noted the Board decided not to meet on 4/5. The residents of with water issues asked for a
76 separate meeting. Todd suggested to hold that meeting on 4/12.

77 Dennis asked if there is a stopping point for the contamination. Todd said Stone did not indicate that
78 and recommended if any well in their proposed testing shows a level of contamination that is at the
79 action level, they will then assess which additional wells to test.

80 Consider Approval of Highway Maintenance Agreement (116 / CVU Rd / Shelburne Rd project)

81 Merrily moved the Selectboard approve the Highway Maintenance Agreement for project HES 021-
82 1(19). Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

83 Consider Approval of Committee Re-appointments

84 Mike moved to reappoint Josh Lecky, Mike Webb and Chuck Reiss to the Energy Committee for three
85 year terms ending 3/31/2016. And in addition, for three year appointments ending 3/21/2016; Rocky
86 Martin, Affordable Housing Committee / Branden Martin, Richard Jordan and Ted Bloomhart,
87 Development Review Board / Rodney Putnam, Recreation Commission / Thomas Marrinson and Stevie
88 Spencer, Town Forest Committee / Oren Guttman, Trails Committee. Seconded by Maggie and
89 approved with 5 yes votes.

90 Consider Approval of Operating Guidelines and Code of Ethics

91 Merrily suggested to edit the hours of a meeting to 3 hours. Merrily moved to accept the Operating
92 Guidelines as edited. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 4 yes votes.

93 Merrily moved to approve the Selectboard of Ethics. Seconded by Maggie. Mike suggested including
94 signatures of the Board members. Motion approved with 5 yes votes.

95 Consider Second Class Liquor License – Global Montellow Group dba Jiffy Mart #446

96 Maggie moved to convene as the Local Liquor Control Board. Seconded by Merrily and approved with 5
97 yes votes.

98 Paul moved to approve the second class liquor license for Global Montellow Group dba Jiffy Mart #446.
99 Seconded by Dennis and approved with 5 yes votes.

100 Mike moved to adjourn as the Local Liquor Control Board. Seconded by Merrily and approved with 5 yes
101 votes.

102 Town Manager Report

- 103 • Todd recognized the number of surrounding towns and work that Joy did to secure their
104 assistance in clearing the roads with the recent storm. Also John Alexander who is the assistant
105 chief w/ww operator who used his CDL license to help out.
106 • The Town hired a 5th Police Officer to start the end of March.
107 • Had the pro-bid meeting for the ww treatment plant.

108 Approve Warrants and Payroll

109 Maggie moved to approve the warrants, including payroll, signed by herself and Merrily as submitted by
110 the Town Treasurer. Seconded by Merrily and approved with 5 yes votes.

111 Possible Executive Session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(B) to discuss labor relations agreement with
112 employees

113 Merrily moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(B) to discuss labor relations
114 agreement with employees, including Todd and Joy. Seconded by Mike and approved with 4 yes votes.,

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