

1 **SELECTBOARD MEETING approved**

2 March 6, 2024

3 Attending the meeting; Merrily Lovell, Maggie Gordon, Mike Loner, Dennis Place, Paul Lamberson, Todd  
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5 Attending remotely; Carl Bohlen, Margaret McNurlan

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

7 Selectboard Reorganization

8 Todd asked for nominations for Chair.

9 Paul nominated Merrily Lovell as Chair of the Selectboard. Seconded by Maggie.

10 There were no other nominations. Motion voted and approved with 5 yes votes.

11 Merrily nominated Maggie Gordon as Vice Chair. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

12 Agenda Additions or Deletions

13 none

14 Public Comment

15 none

16 Selectboard Forum

17 Merrily commented how great it was to get back into the main hall yesterday. She suggested having  
18 some sort of open hall celebration. Board members will work on a plan for this.

19 Mike addressed the email sent to the Board regarding racial slurs at Town Meeting. This will be discussed  
20 under Town Meeting review item.

21 Approve Minutes of 2/21/24

22 Maggie moved to approve the minutes of 2/21 as amended. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes  
23 votes.

24 Approve Regular Meeting Schedule

25 Paul moved the Board adopt a regular meeting schedule of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month  
26 starting at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

27 Approve Physical Posting Locations

28 Merrily moved the Selectboard approve the Post Office and Carpenter-Carse Library as physical posting  
29 locations. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

30 Authorize a Designated Selectperson to Sign Orders

31 Merrily moved to designate herself, Maggie, and Mike as members to sign orders. Seconded by Mike  
32 and approved with 5 yes votes.

33 Approve a Newspaper of Record

34 Merrily moved the Selectboard designate The Citizen as the newspaper of record for any notices that are  
35 required to be published. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

36 Approve Public Officials Bond

37 Merrily moved the Selectboard recognize Employment Theft and Faithful Performance coverage of  
38 \$500,000 per occurrence as provided by the Vermont League of Cities and Town's Property and Casualty  
39 Intermunicipal Fund, as the bonding instrument required by 24 VSA §832(b). Seconded by Mike and  
40 approved with 5 yes votes.

41 Consider Re-adoption of the Code of Ethics

42 Merrily moved the Selectboard approve and adopt the Code of Ethics unchanged from last year.  
43 Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

44 Consider Amendment and Adoption of Operating Guidelines

45 Merrily moved the Selectboard amend and adopt the Operating Guidelines. Seconded by Maggie and  
46 approved with 5 yes votes.

47 Appoint Tree Warden

48 Merrily moved the Selectboard appoint Paul Wieczoreck as Tree Warden for a one-year term. Seconded  
49 by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

50 Appoint E-911 Coordinator

51 Merrily moved the Selectboard appoint Mitch Cypes as E-911 Coordinator for a one-year term.  
52 Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

53 Discuss Results of Town Meeting

54 There were about 65-70 people attending via zoom about 100 in person. Paul asked about Andrea's  
55 comment at the end of the meeting about non-budget items. He feels it has gotten lost over the years.  
56 Merrily agreed and noted this used to be at the end of the meeting and now is at the beginning. Todd  
57 said it can be changed to include that article at the end again. Mike said Andrea was also addressing  
58 things to vote on. Todd said those are non-binding articles, he suggests the Board set a policy on what  
59 their threshold is for putting non-binding articles on the warning.

60 Merrily noted the many comments and suggestions about traffic and asked what the Board does with  
61 those. Todd said there is not much that can be done because of the costs. Mike said regarding the  
62 comments about paint, we don't have it in the budget to paint every street. Paul said being mindful of  
63 the budget two projects he heard that he hopes the Board will keep in mind in the future is 1) how to get  
64 the last piece of sidewalk on Commerce St by Dark Star done, and 2) addressing possible flashing light at  
65 intersection for Silver Street. The Board discussed the Richmond Rd sidewalk project and possible other

66 ways to get a path done and agreed that is a huge project and there are other projects to that need to be  
67 addressed first.

68 Mike addressed the racial slurs and other comments made through zoom. He thinks we should reiterate  
69 the statement made a few years ago condemning those types of things in their meetings and in  
70 Hinesburg.

71 Consider Adoption of Road and Bridge Standards

72 Paul moved the Selectboard adopt the Town Road and Bridge Standards. Seconded by Maggie and  
73 approved with 5 yes votes.

74 Town Manager Report

- 75       • Todd reviewed the budget status report through the end of January. Zoning and DRB revenue  
76       are behind what was projected. Interest income is over what was budgeted. On the expense  
77       side in Highway even with only the budget based on three full time employees and having four  
78       for the majority of the budget, the salaries are right on track. Likely due to reduction in  
79       overtime. And similarly for the Police Department.

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81 Approve Warrants and Payroll

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

84 Adjourn

85 Maggie moved to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

86 Respectfully submitted,

87 Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board

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