

**Select Board Meeting
Town Office, 50 School Street,
Mount Holly, VT 05758**

**MARCH 13, 2024
6:30 pm**

Attendance: Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase, Caitlin Boyle, Carol A Garrow-Woolley, Clinton Woolleey, Dennis Devereux, David Johnson, Christinne Pratt, Lori Norton, Gary Norton, Tiffany Norton, Andy Tanger, Marcy Tanger, Stephen Michel, Philippe Crane (Zoom); Donald Patch (Zoom), Lisa Patch (Zoom), Donna Seward (Zoom), James Seward (Zoom), Jon McCann (Zoom), June Capron

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda.** The Clerk noted that there was one additional item re: the Vermont Bond Bank's Decision Re: MCRF Loan. Jeff Chase noted that there were also annual forms to sign for VTrans Funding.
- 4. Approval of October 10 Minutes Correction and February 13 Minutes.** Diana Garrow made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as corrected/submitted; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.
- 5. Reorganization**
 - a. Select Board Chair: Ms. Garrow made a motion to reappoint Mark Turco; Mr. Chase seconded; unanimously approved.
 - b. Tree Warden: Mr. Chase made a motion to reappoint Phil Crane as Tree Warden; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.
 - c. E911 Coordinator: Mark Turco made a motion to reappoint Carol A. Garrow-Woolley; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.
 - d. 911 Measuring Responsibilities: Mark Turco confirmed that this is delegated to the Board of Listers.
 - e. RCSWD Representative & Alternate: Mark Turco made a motion to reappoint Chad Farrar as the representative and Clinton Woolley as the alternate; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.
 - f. Designated Employee Representative: Jeff Chase made a motion to reappoint Caitlin Boyle; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.
 - g. Newspaper of Record: Mark Turco made a motion to redesignate the Vermont Journal as the newspaper of record; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.
 - h. Assistant Town Clerk: Mr. Chase made a motion to reappoint Diana Garrow, Nancy Connor and Susan Covalla; Mr. Turco seconded; unanimously approved.
 - i. Assistant Town Treasurer: Mark Turco made a motion to reappoint David Johnson; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.
 - j. Set Day & Time of Regular Select Board Meeting: Mr. Chase made a motion to keep the meeting times as the second Tuesday of the month, but to change the time to 6:00 pm; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.
 - k. Name Two Public Posting Places for Public Notices: Mr. Chase made a motion to select the Mount Holly Post Office (on Town-owned outdoor bulletin board affixed to Vermont Hydroponics Store) and Belmont Post Office; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

1. Signer for SB Orders and Authorizations: Jeff Chase made a motion to reappoint Diana Garrow; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

6. Reports

- a. **Highways & Transfer Station Report** - Clinton Woolley noted that the Town may want to switch to using manufactured sand on its roads to reduce clay content.
 - i. **Review VTrans Paving and Structure Grant Applications.** The Board discussed submitting the grant application as drafted. The paving grant, if received, would be applied to Hortonville Road and the structures grant to Perry Road.
- b. **Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report** - Elizabeth Karle was absent from the meeting due to illness; in her place, Assistant Treasurer David Johnson noted that an item of note is that the Town received its annual reappraisal payment of ~\$10,400.
 - i. **Review RH Smith Audit Proposal.** Ms. Garrow made a motion to accept the agreement as drafted; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.
 - ii. **Review Vermont Bond Bank Decision Re: MCRF Loan.** Ms. Karle noted in an email to the board that the decision was disappointing; the Bond Bank offered the town a \$100,000 loan, rather than the \$575,000 the Town requested. Mr. Turco made a motion to accept the loan agreement as presented; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. The Select Board agreed to sign the loan paperwork prior to the March 22 deadline.
- c. **Listers' Report** - David Johnson noted that the Listers are scheduling inspections, weather permitting.
 - i. **Review and Sign NEMRC Reappraisal Agreement.** Ms. Garrow made a motion to accept the agreement as drafted; Mr. Turco seconded; unanimously approved.
- d. **Mount Holly Planning Commission Update.** Jon McCann noted that the Town Plan was approved by the state and was submitted to the regional planning commission; they will hold a hearing on April 6th and the expectation is that the plan will be approved. The next step is for the Planning Commission to renew the historic village designation.

7. New Business

- a. **Set Spring/Summer Transfer Station Hours.** The Select Board agreed to set the hours to begin Wednesday, April 10. The last Sunday hours will be April 7.
- b. **Approve Chit Chat 50th Anniversary Resolution.** Mr. Turco made a motion to approve the resolution with one typo corrected; Mr. Chase seconded; unanimously approved.
- c. **Discuss Mowing Bids.** Cemetery Commissioner Dennis Devereux noted he would post an appeal for mowing at the cemeteries. The clerk will post a request for bids for cemetery mowing.
- d. **Sign VTrans Annual Forms.** The Select Board will sign and submit the required annual forms.

8. Ongoing & Old Business

- a. **Review Draft Lease for Former Rescue Building.** The Select Board reviewed the draft lease reviewed by the Town attorney. Mr. Turco invited public questions and comment.

Hearing none, Mr. Chase made a motion to accept and sign the lease as drafted; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

- b. **Sign Farm & Wilderness/Ninevah Foundation Easement Letter.** Mark Turco signed the letter as drafted; the Board had previously discussed and approved the contents of the letter at the February meeting.
- c. **Appoint Authorized Signer for NRCS EWP 5041 Storm Repair Grant.** Mr Turco made a motion to reappoint Ms. Garrow; unanimously approved.

9. Citizen Comments

10. Announcements/Other Business

- a. The annual rabies clinic is on March 23 and dog registration will take place on that date as well.
- b. The deadline for registering dogs is April 1.
- c. The Clerk noted that a Rutland County victim's advocate was seeking Town input regarding recommended restitution in the State vs. Nicholas Turco case. Mr. Turco recused himself from the discussion. Mr. Chase and Ms. Garrow commented that they would like to seek restitution in the form of Mr. N. Turco's repayment of all damage and expenses incurred, as well as participation in a state program for restitution/community service.

11. Review & Sign Orders

12. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313. None.

13. Adjourned at 7:31 pm.