



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF JANUARY 2, 2024**

Members: Judy Bickford, Don McDowell*, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets, Richard Craig

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Carrie Johnson, Interim Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Tom Cloutier, Martin Green, Laura Green, Tony Cote, Sheila Tarbox

**participating via Zoom*

5:30 - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Judy Bickford called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:30PM at the Tegu Building.

5:31 - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

There was an addition to the Executive Session to add Legal in addition to Contracts.

5:32 - APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of 12/18/23. Motion seconded by Richard Craig . Motion carried. (5/0)

1. Approve minutes 12-18-23

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of 12/18/23 with amendments. Motion seconded by Richard Craig . Motion carried. (5/0)

Amendments as follows:

Under New Business, section 5 Charter Committee. Change the word in the first sentence from determined to recommended.

5:35 - NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control

- 1. Liquor License Renewals**
- 2. Tobacco License Renewals**

Motion made by Chris Palermo to recess the Selectboard meeting and open the Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control Meeting. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the liquor license renewals as presented. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the tobacco license renewals as presented. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Chris Palermo to adjourn the Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control Meeting. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Chris Palermo to reconvene the Selectboard meeting. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Chief Jason Luneau did not express any issues with any renewals in his earlier visit at the Town Offices on January 2, 2024.

2. Town Meeting Petitions

Sara Haskins, Town Clerk, informed the Selectboard and citizens regarding the need for people who plan to run for local candidates to file a petition before the established deadline with the number of signatures required. This information will be on the website and in the Town Clerk's office.

3. Private Family Burial Site Form

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the revised Private Family Burial Site Form as presented. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried. (5/0)

5:55 - OLD BUSINESS

Judy Bickford thanked Sara Haskins and Judi Alberi for their work on revising the Morristown website. This change offered many improvements including navigation of the website and the staff's new email addresses.

5:56 - APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by Laura Streets . Motion carried. (5/0)

5:58 - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Discussion concerned clarifying the Front Porch Form post on the budget and sidewalk snow management. Tom Cloutier requested a vote allowing him to speak again.

Chair Judy Bickford called for a voice vote that would allow Tom Cloutier to speak again. 1 Ayes (Laura Streets) 4 Nays (Judy Bickford, Chris Palermo, Richard Craig, Don McDowell)

6:10 - SCHEDULE

- 1. Saturday, Jan 6th at 8:30-11:30AM at PA Gym - Community Meeting Day**
Monday, Jan 8th at 5:30PM Budget Review
Tuesday, Jan 16th at 5:30PM SB Meeting
Monday, Jan 29th at 5:30PM Warning Approval
Monday, Jan 29th at 5:45PM Charter Committee Meeting

The town schedule of future meetings was presented and will be updated monthly. The Community Meeting Day on January 6, 2024 will be modeled after the town meeting in March. However, this meeting's purpose is to allow the community to have the availability of the town officers for

community input, and the charter and local option tax will not be discussed at this time.

6:15 - OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Chris Palermo to go into Executive session at 6:17pm. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

1. Executive Session - Contracts & Legal

Motion made by Chris Palermo to go into Executive session because I find that premature general public knowledge of the pending contract and legal will clearly place the Town at a disadvantage. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Chris Palermo to go into Executive session to discuss pending contracts and legal under provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1) of the Vermont Statutes and to include Interim Town Manager, Carrie Johnson. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Chris Palermo to come out of Executive session at 7:00PM. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

6:30 - ADJOURN

Motion made by Chris Palermo to adjourn. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:01PM

Submitted and filed on January 8, 2024.

Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.