**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**
**OF MARCH 11, 2024**

Members: Don McDowell, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets, Richard Craig, George Cormier

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Carrie Johnson, Interim Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Judith Grosvenor, Guy Cote, Tom Cloutier, Martin Green, John Meyer, Molly Pease, James Pease, Jerry Throne, Sheila Tarbox, Tony Cote, Christy Snipp, Laura Green, Ron Stancliff, Jane Campbell

**participating via Zoom*

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**5:30PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER**
Don McDowell called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Tegu Building.

**5:31PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS**
None

**5:32PM - APPROVE MINUTES**
***Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of February 26, 2024. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)***

1. **Approve minutes 2-26-24**
   ***Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of February 26, 2024. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)***

**5:35PM - NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Elect Chair**
   ***Motion made by Chris Palermo to elect Don McDowell as the Chair of the Selectoard. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried (4/0).***

2. **Elect Vice-Chair**
   ***Motion made by Richard Craig to elect Chris Palermo as Vice Chair of the Selectboard. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (3/1) Laura Streets Nay Chris Palermo Abstained***

3. **Set regular meeting schedule**
   This item has been tabled until the next meeting to discuss scheduling conflicts with the school board once a month.

4. **Set locations for posting meeting notices**

Don McDowell reviewed where the meeting notices have been posted over the past 12 months. The town website, the town office message board, and the post office. Additional postings are not mandatory, but there are times when postings can be found at Morrisville Water & Light, Morristown Centennial Library and Front Porch Forum.

***Motion made by Chris Palermo to maintain the usual posting locations for meeting notices: the town website, the town office message board, and the post office. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried (5/0).***

5. **Set town's newpaper of record**

   ***Motion made by Chris Palermo to set the News & Citizen as the newspaper of record. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried (5/0).***

6. **Town Appointments**

   ***Motion made by Chris Palermo to appoint the list below for Town Appointments. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried (5/0).***

   ***Town Appointments FY 2024:***
   ***Lamoille Regional Solid Waste-Charles Cooley***
   ***Emergency Mgmt. Director-Jason Luneau***
   ***E-911 Coordinator- Abbie Griggs***
   ***Agent to Convey Real Estate-Cemetery Lots - Dennis Smith, Joie Marshall***
   ***Green Up Day Coordinator- Brent Teillon***
   ***Tree Warden - Fran Sladyk***

   ***FY 2025 Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) - Jerry Throne, Martin Green***
   ***FY 2025 Lamoille County Planning Committee BOD (LCPC)- Judy Bickford, Dan McLaughlin***

   ***Motion made by Chris Palermo to appoint the list below to the Board /Councils. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (5/0).***

   ***BOARD/COUNCILS***
   ***Planning Council- Joshua Goldstein, Jamie Morris - 4 yr terms***
   ***Development Review Board- Gary Nolan, Mary Ann Wilson - 4 yr terms***
   ***Conservation Commission- Jerry Thorne, Pamela Stanyon - 4 yr terms***
   ***Lamoille Fibernet CUD Representatives- Jane Campbell with Alternate John Meyer***

   Lamoille County Flood Recovery & Resiliency Meeting does not require appointments. Don McDowell, Gary Nolan and Tom Cloutier have expressed an interest in joining the discussions.

7. **Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control**

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

| Applicant | Location | First Class | Second Class | Third Class | Outside Consumption |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| KPH Drugs Inc DBA Kinney | 97 Morrisville Plaza | | x | | |

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| Drugs | | | | | |
| Martin's Foods of South Burlington LLC DBA Hannaford | 80 Fairground Plaza | | x | | |
| Veterans of Foreign Wars Lamoille County Post 9653 | 28 VFW St | x | | x | x |
| Copley Golf Corportion | 441 Country Club | | | x | x |

| Applicant | Location | Tobacco | Tobacco Substitute Endorsement |
|---|---|---|---|
| Global Montello Group Corp DBA Jiffy Mart #686 | 302 VT Rte 15 W | | x |
| Higher Elevation LLC | 65 Northgate Plaza, Ste 6 | x | x |

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

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

**6:00PM - OLD BUSINESS**

The Interim Town Manager updated the information about Goeltz Road. FEMA is now involved, which would mean funding possibilities at 75% of the cost plus some state monies. FEMA does, however, take time.

**6:02PM - WARRANTS**

***Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)***

**6:04PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

There were a range of topics commented upon by the community. These included using Robert's Rules of Oder; the need for a discussion with the Highway Department, which included several complaints; and a warning that the community pays too much in taxes.

**6:14PM - SCHEDULE**

1. **Monday, March 18, 2024 - 5:30PM SB Meeting**
   **Monday, April 1, 2024 - 4:00PM SB Special Duhamel Pit - In Person**
   **Monday, April 1, 2024 - 5:30PM SB Meeting**

**6:16PM - OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Executive Session - Legal**
   ***Motion made by Chris Palermo to go into Executive Session because we find that premature general public knowledge of pending or probable civil litigation or prosecution, to which the public body is or may be party, will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)***

   ***Motion made by Chris Palermo to go into Executive Session to discuss the pending or probable litigation or prosecution under the provisions of Title 1 section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes, 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. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)***

**6:20PM - ADJOURN**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm
Submitted and filed this 3/14/2024.
Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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