



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF MARCH 18, 2024**

Members: Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets, Richard Craig

Absent: George Cormier, Don McDowell

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

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Tom Cloutier, Kevin Barrows, Tyler Mumley, Marc Cote, Nathan Cote, Jerry Throne, Laura Green, Jamie Brewster, Jason Kelley

**participating via Zoom*

5:30PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chris Palermo called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Tegu Building.

5:31PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

We are adding a few more appointments under New Business; Appointment

5:32PM - APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of 3-11-24

Motion made by Laura Streets to approve the minutes of 3/11/2024. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (3/0)

5:35PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointments:

Kari Anderson to Conservation Commission

Michael Buchanan, Sexton to Agent to convey cemetery real estate

Donnie Blake to Development Review Board

Melissa LeBlanc as Alternate to Development Review Board

Motion made by Richard Craig to renew the appointment of Kari Anderson to the four-year term to the Conservation Commission. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (3/0).

Motion made by Richard Craig to appoint Michael Buchanan, Sexton, as an agent to convey cemetery real estate. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (3/0).

Motion made by Laura Streets to appoint Donnie Blake to the four-year term to the Development Review Board and Melissa LeBlanc as an alternate to the Development Review Board. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (3/0).

2. Set Selectboard Meeting scheduled

As the School Board can not change their meetings until possibly in July, the Select Board will continue meeting on the first and third Mondays of the month.

Motion made by Richard Craig to keep the current schedule for the Select Board meeting. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (3/0).

3. Walton Road bridge update

Tyler Mumley Engineering has been involved with the Walton Road Bridge project which will continue to oversee the work by Blow & Cote company. The construction will start on the bridge on April 15, 2024. During this project, the road will be closed for an estimated three months. Kevin Barrows, highway superintendent, will post detour and closure signs in the area. The public will be informed through notifications about the bridge closure, such as newspaper, radio, post office notices, and communication to farmers. Mark Cote discussed the need for future work on the town's infrastructure and suggested that the bridge on Bridge St. should be painted to preserve the structure.

5:55PM - OLD BUSINESS

1. Town Manager Search Committee update

Chris Palermo reported that we received over 100 applicants; Dominic Cloud winnowed it down to 20 viable candidates to be considered. The committee reviewed them and selected candidates to interview. Following, the Committee forwarded the names to be considered by the Selectboard for interviews.

6:00PM - APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (3/0)

5:58PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

A recommendation was made to change the executive session wording to give the public more information while maintaining the necessary privacy.

6:10PM - SCHEDULE

- 1. Monday, April 1, 2024 - 4:00PM SB Special at Duhamel Pit - in person only**
Monday, April 1, 2024 - 5:30PM SB Meeting
Monday, April 15, 2024 - 5:30PM SB Meeting

6:15PM - OTHER BUSINESS

1. Executive Session - Personnel

Motion made by Richard Craig to move to go into Executive Session because we find that premature general public knowledge would clearly place a person involved at a substantial disadvantage. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (3/0)

Motion made by Richard Craig to move to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a public officer subject to T1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3). To include Interim Town Manager, Carrie Johnson, Consultant, Dominic Cloud. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (3/0)

Motion made by Richard Craig to come out of Executive Session at 6:44pm. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (3/0).

6:30PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Richard Craig to adjourn. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (3/0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm

Submitted and filed this March 20, 2024.

Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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