



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF APRIL 22, 2024**

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

Absent: Chris Palermo

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

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Tom Cloutier, Kristen Marriott, Dan McLaughlin, Mary Lou Nichols, Martha Battle, Alan Ward, Tony Cote, Jerry Throne, Evelyn Throne, Martin Green, Laura Green, Maria Ward, Brent Raymond, Peter Danforth, Jamie Jaret, Nancy Banks, Alexander Cyr, Christy Snipp, Brent Teillion, Ron Stancliff, Tom Stamos, Mason Kemerer, Nancy Dunavan*

**participating via Zoom*

5:30PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Don McDowell called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:32 PM at the Tegu Building.

5:31PM - CONTINUE VICIOUS DOG HEARING FROM 4-15-24

Motion made by Richard Craig to hold this item for Other Business. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (40).

5:35PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

5:37PM - APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve SB Special - Duhamel Pit minutes 4-1-24

Motion made by Laura Streets to approve the minutes of 4/1/2024. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (4/0)

2. Approve minutes 4-1-24

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the minutes of 4/1/2024. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (4/0)

3. Approve minutes 4-5-24

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the minutes of 4/5/2024 Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (4/0) with amendments.

Correct the minutes to reflect the motion made under Agenda changes/Additions to change the date of April 2, 2023 to April 2, 2024.

4. Approve minutes 4-15-24

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the minutes of 4/15/2024. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (4/0)

5. Approve minutes 4-18-24

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the minutes of 4/18/2024. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (4/0)

5:43PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. New Town Manager update

1. Approve Town Manager Contract

The new Town Manager, Brent Raymond, was introduced to the Selectboard. He expressed his excitement to work for the people of Morristown. He is scheduled to start on or before June 2, 2024.

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the Town Manager Contract. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0).

2. Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control

1. Approve Liquor License Renewals

2. Approve Tobacco License Renewals

3. Approve Request to Cater Permits

Liquor License: Renewals

Applicant	DBA	Location	First Class	Second Class	Third Class	Outside Consumption
Bombastic Industries, LLC	10 Railroad	10 Railroad St	X		X	X
Charlmont Restaurant, Inc		116 VT Rte 15 W	X		X	X
Lost Nation Brewery LLC		87B Old Creamery Rd	X			X
Morrisville Food Coop, LLC		46 Pleasant St		X		
R L Vallee, Inc	Maplefields VT Rte 15 West	33 VT Rt 15W		X		
R L Vallee, Inc	Maplefields Laporte Rd	621 Laporte Rd		X		
Ten Thirteen, LLC	Moog's Place	97 Portland St	X		X	
Vermont Harvest	Ryder Brook Golf Club	3266 Laporte	X		X	X

Catering Rd

Tobacco License: Renewals

Applicant	Location	Tobacco	Substitute	Endorsement
R L Vallee, Inc	Maplefields Laporte Rd	621 Laporte Rd	X	X
R L Vallee, Inc	Maplefields VT Rte 15	33 VT Rt 15W	X	X
DG Retail, LLC	Dollar General	66 Northgate Plaza Ste 13	X	

Request to Cater Permits

Applicant	Event Name	Location	Date	Start Time	EndTime	# of people
Ten Thirteen, LLC	Music Festival	257 Portland St	6/29/2024	6:00 AM	Midnight	300

Motion made by Richard Craig to recess the Selectboard and open as the Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0).

Motion made by Laura Streets to approve the Liquor License renewals as presented. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried (4/0)

Motion made by George Cormier to approve the Tobacco License renewals as presented. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the Request to Cater Permits as presented. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion Carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Richard Craig to adjourn the Liquor and Tobacco Control Meeting. Motion seconded by George Craig. Motion carried (4/0).

Motion made by Richard Craig to reconvene the Select Board meeting. Motion seconded by George Craig. Motion carried (4/0).

3. Fire Department Truck
 - a. Class A pumper fire truck resolution
 - b. Class A pumper fire truck replacement

The Fire Department has ordered the Class A pumper fire truck which was previously approved in the budget.

4. Oxbow Park update

The Oxbow Park was damaged by the recent flooding. The upper deck, where the community gardens and concerts are held, is usable. The lower deck has been damaged. Discussion ensued regarding the maintenance of these areas by planting trees to avoid erosion. Peter Danforth, of Lamoille County Conservation District, spoke in favor of planting a variety of trees and shrubs on the east side of the lower Oxbow deck. Peter presented to the Selectboard in September 2023, a large scale plan to plant trees and shrubs around the entire perimeter and enhance the lower deck. The proposal has been reduced to a small scale project for the west side of the river bank. There is grant money available for the purchase of trees and plants and the maintenance of the area. The bottom line is no cost to the town. There is no permit required to plant the trees. Todd Thomas, Floodplain Officer, spoke about the lower deck as being a flood zone and questioned the planting of trees that would flood again next year. Discussion followed on the impact of trees planted on the lower deck. It was agreed that more comprehensive planning was needed to address the usage of the Oxbow Park. It was agreed to proceed with the plan submitted by Peter Danforth at this time.

Motion made by George Cormier to go forward with Peter Danforth's proposal of planting 300 trees on the western side of the lower deck of Oxbow park with the potential of an engineering study. Motion was seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (4/0).

5. Oxbow Park event

Motion made by Laura Streets to approve the Oxbow Music Festival to use the Oxbow Park for a concert on June 29th, 2024. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion (4/0).

6. Police Department Truck update

The Police Department will be trading in two 2017 Silverado 1500 vehicles and will be starting a four-year lease on a 2024 Silverado 1500 vehicle.

7. Town Charter

1. Review draft charter

2. Charter

a. Accept committee recommendations

The Selectboard reviewed the Town Charter that the Charter Committee had been working on and passed it onto the Selectboard. It is advisable to keep the Charter document clean and simple and with the language that has been passed through the legislature as accepted.

6:25PM - OLD BUSINESS

1. Highway update

a. Goeltz Road

b. Spring maintenance

Carrie Johnson reported on the highway department activities as submitted by Kevin Barrows, Highway Superintendent.

The culvert has been purchased for Goeltz Rd repairs after going out to bid.

Carrie Johnson reminded the audience that personnel will not be discussed in open meeting now that we are at Town Manager form of government.

6:30PM - APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (4/0).

6:32PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Several community members expressed their opinions about the topics covered during this meeting.

6:40PM - SCHEDULE

- 1. Monday, May 6, 2024 - SB Regular Meeting 5:30PM**
Monday, May 20, 2024 - SB Regular Meeting 5:30PM

There is a change to the schedule as listed. The May 20th Selectboard meeting will not be able to happen due to the School Budget revote.

6:41PM - OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Deliberative Session - Vicious Dog Hearing**

Motion made by Richard Craig to go to a Deliberative session - Vicious Dog Hearing. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (4/0).

Motion made by Laura Streets to come out of deliberative session, recess the vicious dog hearing and continue it to Monday, May 6th at 5:30pm. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (4/0)

- 2. Executive Session - Personnel**

Motion made by Richard Craig to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and including Carrie Johnson and Brent Raymond. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0).

Motion made by George Cormier to come out of Executive session at 7:55pm. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (4/0)

6:50PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Richard Craig to adjourn. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (4/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Submitted and filed this 4/26/2024.

Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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