SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF APRIL 21, 2025

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

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Brent Raymond, Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS:

**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 - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

Add to the agenda Executive Session under Other Business.

5:32PM - APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Approve minutes 4-7-25**

   Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of 4/7/2025. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried (5/0) with amendments.

   Under New Business:
   #3 - Add Mary Ann Wilson was under the impression that the MDF Committee was all in favor of Charles Burnham's appointment and encouraged the SB to move forward with his appointment.
   #4 - Remove "A field representative will examine the buildings to determine if a grant is a possibility." Add in its place ,"Chris will reach out to the Preservation Trust of Vermont to see if the prior museum assessment needs to be updated to assist in applying for grants"

5:35PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. **Re-envision Oxbow Park Community Forum -Lamoille County Conservation District event with Peter Danforth on May 3rd at Wing Center 12-3pm**

   Don encouraged the members of the Selectboard to attend the Oxbow Park Community Forum on May 3, 2025. The forum will start at the Wing Center from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and be followed by a walk to Oxbow Park. The Selectboard will include the Forum's outcome at the May 5th meeting. Don welcomed this great opportunity for public members to share their thoughts on what to do with the park. Laura noted her concerns about the Oxbow being in a flood zone and the town having restrictions due to being in a flood zone. It was determined that the value of the community coming together to discuss the topic was more important than any concerns about what couldn't be done at this stage.

5:45PM - OLD BUSINESS

1. **Consideration of updated Rules of Procedure - Moving community comments to the beginning of the agenda**
   Don McDowell read the Rules of Procedure with the new changes. Discussion followed with the Selectboard agreeing to remove section 2 of the Community Comments Procedure that spoke about adding names and topics to a sign-in sheet for discussion. The Selectboard then agreed to adopt the changes to the language. The Selectboard also discussed the need to clarify that community comments are separate from agenda items and that individuals can still speak on agenda items.

   Motion made by Chris Palermo to strike item #2 from the Community Comments Procedure and change the language in #6 to "The Community Comments period will continue for a maximum of 15 minutes, unless extended by the Chair. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried (5/0).

5:56PM - APPROVE WARRANTS

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

6:00PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

6:10PM - SCHEDULE

1. **Wednesday, April 23, 2025 - Special SB Meeting - 5:30PM**
   Monday, May 5, 2025 - SB Meeting -5:30PM
   Monday, May 19, 2025 - SB Meeting - 5:30PM

6:15PM - OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Executive Session - Legal**
   Motion made by Chris Palermo, I make a finding that we go into executive session to discuss confidential attorney-client communications received from the Town Attorney, providing professional legal advice to the Selectboard AND to discuss potential civil litigation, premature disclosure of said advice or the potential civil litigation would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

   Motion made by Chris Palermo to go into Executive Session to discuss the confidential attorney client communication under the provisions of Title 1 section 313 (a) (1)(f) of the Vermont Statutes, to include Town Manager, Brent Raymond; Executive Assistant, Judi Alberi. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

   Motion made by Chris Palermo to come out of Executive Session at 7:09pm. 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 7:09pm
Submitted and filed this 4/25/25.
Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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