

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 3, 2021

Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Paul Chambers, Kimberly Crosson, Mark Castonguay, Jeff Noyes, Bruce Rumball-Petre, Ed Barber, Joel Cope, and Teresa DeBonville.

Michael Strait called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Update Agenda: Tabled.

Elect Chairperson: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to nominate Michael Strait as select board chair. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: Tabled.

Set dates, time and place of regular select board meetings: Heather McElroy motions to set the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM to hold meetings virtually until allowed to hold in person due to covid regulations at 49 Mill Street Ext. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Name newspaper of record: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to name the Caledonian Record the newspaper of record. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Set rates for town equipment: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to set the rates for town equipment as follows:

- Backhoe: \$95.00
- Front end loader: \$105.00
- Truck: \$75.00
- Grader: \$110.00
- Sidewalk Tractor: \$75.00

Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Appoint town officers: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to appoint the following town officers:

- Fence viewers: Select board
- Pound Keeper: Scott Buchman
- Tree Warden: Pierre Dupuis
- Animal Control Officer: Scott Buchman
- Town Service Officer: Tabled
- Constable: Tabled

Kimberly Crosson made a request to the board to be appointed to constable. The board asked Kim to put her request in writing and send it to them. As of now appointment of Constable has been tabled.

Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Road Department: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to approve and sign the 2021 Certificate of Highway Mileage. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Mark told the board that Eric Pope from VTrans in Derby said the town has access to Class 2 road funds that the state has built up to around \$100,000 with a 20% town match. Mark thinks we ought to put the money in sections of Pleasant Street and see how far it will go. There will be more Class 2 funds added next year, so Mark would like to start planning the project now and get estimates. The board agrees this is a good idea.

Buildings and Maintenance: Bruce updated the board on projects he has been working on. Bruce informed the board that Tardif Heating and Plumbing, Blanchard's, and Fred's Plumbing and Heating will be giving the town estimates on replacing the heating system at the railroad depot.

Joel informed the board that Eric Somoroff has to set up a meeting with Belknap Electric on the installation of the security cameras at the town hall. Joel has not heard back from Eric on the status of this meeting.

Joel informed the board that the new lock system at the town hall will cost around \$7,000.00. This will be a computer programmed lock system. A motion to proceed with this was made by Heather McElroy and seconded by Jeanne Gervais. All in favor, so carried.

Recreation: Paul showed the board a draft of the kiosk map. The board agreed these were nice. Paul will proceed.

VCDP resolution: This document is necessary for the \$40,000 preliminary engineering grant for the downtown revitalization project. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to sign the grant agreement resolution form (PM-1). Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Paul Stafford on footbridge naming: Tabled.

Personnel: Tabled.

Kimberly Crosson complaint: Kimberly Crosson was present to express concerns and complaints on issues and town personnel. The board listened to her concerns and complaints, but took no affirmative action at this time.

Pay Orders: Jeanne Gervais motions to authorize Michael Strait to review and sign the pay orders for the general account and the road account. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Overweight permits: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to authorize Michael Strait to sign the overweight permits received. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Special Town meeting on cannabis: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to adopt the wording "Shall the town authorize cannabis retailers and integrated licensees in town pursuant to 7 VSA 863" on the warning for a special town meeting by Australian ballot to be held on May 4, 2021. An informational meeting will be held virtually on May 3, 2021 and the warning would be posted on April 1, 2021. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Approve minutes of previous meetings: The board reviewed the minutes of the January 11, 2021, February 3, 2021, and February 17, 2021. A motion to approve all minutes as printed was made by Heather McElroy and seconded by Jeanne Gervais. All in favor, so carried.

Other business: Tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM