

## SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

Present: Noah Bond, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, John Manning, Lisa Cooper, Maria Perry, Ryan Perry, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending virtually: Michael Strait, Barbara Noyes-Pulling, Bob Harnish, and Joel Cope.

Jeanne Gervais called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Updates to the agenda: Animal Ordinance, Errors, and Omissions from the listers, DRB rules and regulations adoption.

Public comment: Ryan and Maria Perry were present to inform the board that they have obtained custody of 4 dwarf goats from a property on Bay Lane. At this time, they are being boarded in a facility that will charge \$40.00 per day, per goat, and Ryan wanted to know how long that the goats should be boarded before rehoming them. Maria brought it to the board's attention that there was nothing in the animal ordinance stating how long an animal should be boarded before relinquishing custody to someone other than the owner. After discussion, a motion was made by Heather McElroy to allow the goats to be boarded for 5 days, and then Ryan can re-home them. John Manning seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The lister's sent three errors and omissions over to the select board to review and sign. The board reviewed these, and the chairperson signed these.

Joel reviewed the DRB rules and regulations with the board on the processes of the hearings. A motion was made to adopt these rules and regulations for the hearing on the animal bite by Heather McElroy. John Manning seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Presentation: Bob Harnish and Barbar Pulling gave a presentation on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to the board and presented them with the State of Vermont's Policy on this issue. The goal is to have every town in Vermont adopt this declaration of inclusion policy. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to adopt the declaration of inclusion policy in Brighton. John Manning seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried. A copy of this declaration will be printed in the town report and posted on our website.

Mutual aid policy adoption: The board reviewed the updated Mutual aid policy. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to adopt the policy as printed. John Manning seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Pay orders: The board reviewed and signed the pay orders for the general expense account and the road department expense account.

Town Manager's report: Noah reported to the board all the projects the departments have been working on, and the continued projects going forward.

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the August 16, 2023, meeting. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to approve the minutes as printed. Jeanne Gervais seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: None.

Executive session: Tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM