

SELECT BOARD RE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 6, 2024

Present: Noah Bond, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Michael Testut, Raymond Fontaine, Cecil Daniels, Jamie Budrewicz, Lisa Cooper, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending virtually: Joel Cope, Michael Strait, Anne Budrewicz, Bruce Webster, Ellen Boleski, Louis Testut, and Pierre Gervais.

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

Updates to the agenda: Appoint a chairperson, service inventory document, recycling documents, special election, and pay orders.

Public comment: Jamie Budrewicz mentioned to the board that the speed limit radar sign on Lakeshore Drive wasn't working.

The board asked Cecil Daniels if he had an update on the second-class trail going across the town's property by the wastewater facility. Cecil said that he had spoken with abutting landowners, and they were insured. Noah mentioned to the board that he had contacted VLCT, and they had no issues with a second-class trail going across the wastewater facility property.

Anne Budrewicz asked if there was a limit to how many boards a person could be on. The board explained that if there was no conflict by statute that a person could hold a position on as many boards as they would like to.

Appoint Select Board Chairperson: A motion was made to nominate Jeanne Gervais to serve as chairperson for the select board. Michael Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to appoint Heather McElroy as vice chairperson for the select board. Michael Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Set dates, times, and place of regular select board meetings: Heather McElroy motions to set the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM in the town hall's meeting room as the date, time, and place for the regular select board meetings. Michael Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Name newspaper of record: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to name the Caledonian Record as newspaper of record for the Town of Brighton. Michael Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Set rates for town equipment: Tabled.

Appoint the town officers: The following were appointed by the select board:

- Fence Viewer: Select Board
- Pound Keeper: Renee Falconer
- Tree Warden: Andrew Martin
- Animal Control Officer: Ryan Perry
- Town Service Officer: Discontinued
- Constable: Tabled

Election Results: A motion to hold a special Election for the vacancy of the two new select board members for a five-member board to be held on April 30, 2024 by Australian Ballot was made by Heather McElroy. Michael Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried. Notification of vacancy will be posted for these vacancies by Noah, and all Town Meeting Election rules will apply, including holding an informational meeting on April 29, 2024, before Australian Ballot.

Recycle Center: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to allow Noah Bond to sign the documents form the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation stating that we are a transfer station. Michael Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

H2O service inventory documents: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to allow Joel Cope to sign all documents pertaining to this once it has been approved by the state. Michael Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the February 21, 2024, meeting. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to approve the minutes as printed. Michael Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Lisa Cooper was present to ask the board about applying a local option tax here in town to help alleviate some of the burden on property owners. The board thinks this is a good idea, but will need to investigate this further, and crunch some numbers before agreeing to this.

The board reviewed and signed the pay orders for the general fund account and the road department account.

Noah mentioned to the board that he had been seeking bids to help with the all-hazard mitigation plans. A motion was made to give Noah Bond Permission to received bids and sign all documents pertaining to this not to exceed the cost of \$10,000.00 by Heather McElroy. Michael Testut seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

