



**SPECIAL SELECTBOARD
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2015**

PRESENT: Patty McGrath, Chairwoman
Chris Bianchi
Ken Lee

ALSO PRESENT: Seth Webb, Town of Killington (the “Town”) Manager (the “Manager”);
Whit Montgomery, Killington Chief of Police; Dave Soucy, Green Mountain National Golf Course General Manager.

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PRESENT: Curt Peterson (Vermont Standard), Jim Rich, Charlie Holland

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 3 and 11
4. Selectboard Member Concerns
5. Citizens Input
6. Town Manager Recruitment Update and Search Committee
7. 2015-16 Revenue and Expense Reports
 - a. General Fund
 - b. Golf
8. 2017 Budget Proposal
 - a. Updates from last meeting
 - b. Police Department
9. 2015 Building Community Grant Application for Recreation Facilities
10. Liquor Licenses Renewals/Applications for Outside Consumption Permits
11. Town Managers Report
12. Next Meeting Dates: Special Meeting Nov. 18th. Regular Meetings Dec. 1st and 15th
13. Executive Session (if needed)
14. Adjourn

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairwoman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. AGENDA

On motion duly made by Mr. Lee to approve the Agenda was unanimously APPROVED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM OCT. 15, 20, AND 27

On motion duly made by the Chairwoman to approve the minutes of Nov. 3 and to table the minutes from Nov. 11 was APPROVED.

4. SELECTBOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

The Chairwoman addressed questions and misinformation raised during the last meeting regarding the Article 5, the highway bond authorization of \$1.4M, voted on at the 2014 Town Meeting. A couple of citizens alleged that the bond was supposed to cover the paving of Killington Road from Route 4 to Dean Hill and speculated about where the money went. The Chairwoman referenced the minutes of the Informational Meeting before the vote which notes the bond was intended to cover the paving of Killington Road from Route 4 to W. Hill Road, the reclaiming and repaving of West Hill Road and the construction of two bridges on Thundering Brook Road. Further, she cited the capital plan in the 2013 Annual report which shows the bond appropriations as: \$700,000 on paving projects (Killington and W. Hill) and \$700,000 will be spent on bridges.

5. CITIZENS INPUT

None.

6. TOWN MANAGER RECRUITMENT

The Manager noted that Gerrie Russell, Chris Karr and Walt Findeisen expressed interest in serving on the Town Manager search committee.

On motion duly made by Mr. Lee to appoint the three individuals to the Town Manager search committee was unanimously APPROVED.

7. 2015-16 REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORTS

The Manager reviewed the 2015-16 revenue and expense reports through October, including roll-over funds, property tax collection, delinquent tax collections and non-property tax revenue, and expenses.

On motion duly made by Mr. Lee to accept the October General Fund revenue

and expense reports was unanimously APPROVED.

Mr. Soucy reviewed the expense and revenue reports for the golf course.

On motion duly made by Mr. Lee to accept the golf course expense and revenue reports was unanimously APPROVED.

Mr. Bianchi asked about capital contributions in the General Fund budget.

8. 2017 BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Manager noted that spending in the proposed 2017 budget is level with 2014 spending. He noted that revenues in the current draft have to be higher to replace the FEMA revenue which offset budgets in past years. The anticipated tax increase for this draft budget would be below 2 cents.

The Manager reviewed changes on the revenue side, including options tax, tax collection, and FEMA reimbursements, and the projected surplus.

The Manager noted a special meeting on Nov. 18 to discuss the Fire Department budget.

Mr. Montgomery reviewed the Police Department budget.

Mr. Lee noted that he was against putting a question on the ballot regarding saving over time for pool updates, as discussed at the last meeting. He believes a bond is the best option.

Mr. Bianchi asked why the Town should always rely on bonds and paying interest, and suggested that the Town look to start saving for projects it can anticipate.

After some discussion, the Chairwoman noted that the \$75,000 that was discussed might not be the appropriate amount on a ballot question for the pool reconstruction, and believed the Board can reach an agreement and compromise.

The Manager noted that as currently proposed, if passed, it would add an additional 1 cent on top of the tax rate, and that \$75,000 would only cover the pool. The entire project including the pool house and land improvements is expected to be a higher total.

Mr. Rich noted that there's the potential to save and have the project be voted down regardless.

Mr. Bianchi noted how the Town has been playing catch-up since Act 68 and

has been slowly increasing capital contributions.

The Chairwoman suggested the Board think about ways to move forward and discuss at a later date.

Mr. Montgomery noted he would like to work with the Manager to see how the department could staff Town events, rather than hiring an outside contractor. He also discussed allotting staffing time to traffic control at Dean Hill Road during busy winter days.

Mr. Bianchi asked that Mr. Montgomery come up with a schedule and the cost it would be to hire an outside source, because that cost might be something they could add into the part-time officer line item on the budget.

9. 2015 BUILDING COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION

The Manager reviewed the Grant which would fund the construction of two miles of bike trails around Kent Pond and that the Town and Killington Mountain Bike Club would provide the match.

Mr. Bianchi suggested the Town reduces its contribution and encourage the KMBC to raise more funds. He also noted it would allow the Town to use the money they saved for another match in the future.

The Manager noted the club could raise more money, and that he already advised them on fundraising goals.

On motion duly made by Mr. Lee to authorize the application for the Building Community Grant was unanimously APPROVED.

10. LIQUOR LICENSES / RENEWALS AND OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION PERMITS

On motion duly made by Mr. Lee to authorize the Town Clerk to sign the liquor license renewal for North Star Lodge was APPROVED.

The Chairwoman recused.

On motion duly made by Mr. Lee to authorize the Town Clerk to sign the liquor license for Capriccio Restorante was APPROVED.

The Chairwoman recused.

On motion duly made by Mr. Lee to authorize the Town Clerk to sign the outside consumption permit for Killington Resort was APPROVED.

The Chairwoman recused.

The Manager also noted that a catering permit for the Killington Grand was approved.

11. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

The Manager reviewed:

- Applications for Town Manager opening
- End of season road projects
- Tax Sales
- EDTC review
- KPAA growth
- Budget reviews

12. NEXT MEETING DATES

Special Meeting: November 18th. Regular Meetings: December 1st and 15th.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

14. ADJOURN

On motion duly made by Mr. Lee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.