



Selectboard Meeting Minutes

May 9th, 2022

Present : Stephen Finneron, Chairman
 Jim Haff
 Chris Karr

 Chet Hagenbarth, Town Manager

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
4. Selectboard Member Concerns
5. Citizen Input
6. Board of Liquor Control
7. Regional Dispatch Participation Letter
8. Traffic Ordinance Update
9. Fire Chief Search Update
10. Police Cruiser Purchase
11. Short Term Rental Update
12. Citizen Input – Additional
13. Other Business
14. Executive Session, if necessary
15. Adjourn

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda as presented was unanimous.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- SB Haff made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 25th as presented. It was unanimously approved.
- SB Haff made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 29th as presented. It was unanimously approved.

4. Selectboard Member Concerns

SB Haff stated that after the April 25th Meeting, following the Selectboard's consideration of the short-term rental appeal, the Selectboard approved a motion to lower the fine from \$61,200 dollars to \$6,100 dollars. The property owner has 30 days to pay (until June 9th, 2022) at the reduced fine amount. If no payment is received, the fine will return to the original amount and the Town will take collection action at court.

5. Citizen Input

This year was the 26th year of Green Up Day. There was a good response but some roads still need to be cleaned. Thanks was given to the Town Road Crew for picking up the trash bags. A recommendation was made to host a Town barbeque.

6. Board of Liquor Control

- Hops on the Hill presented their outside consumption permit with approval from the property owner. The Selectboard needs confirmation that there is direct access from the restaurant door to the outside consumption area. The Selectboard will review after this confirmation.
- Huckleberry Holdings LLC presented their request for an outside consumption permit with approval from the property owner. SB Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with Huckleberry Holdings LLC's outside consumption permit. It was unanimously approved.
- SB Haff presented Taco X's request for a 1st, 3rd, and outside consumption permit renewal. SB Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with Taco X's 1st, 3rd, and outside consumption permit renewal. It was unanimously approved.

7. Regional Dispatch Participation Letter

TM Hagenbarth presented the Regional Dispatch Participation Letter. The Town wants to commit to a Regional Dispatch Center as the State will no longer provide a system after June 30th, 2024. The Town would work with other emergency response systems in Rutland County. The Selectboard approved TM Hagenbarth to sign the letter.

8. Traffic Ordinance Update

TM Hagenbarth followed up from a Meeting a few weeks ago about changing Town speed limits and the Traffic Ordinance. After talking to the Town Attorney, the current Traffic Ordinance is about 40 years old and has several amendments. The Attorney suggested creating a new ordinance. Once speed limits are changed, there is a quasi-study that must be completed to determine if there are any speed issues. No public hearing warning is required. There would be a regular Selectboard Meeting warning and concerned residents would have 60 days to appeal. TM Hagenbarth should have additional information by the next Meeting.

9. Fire Chief Search Update

TM Hagenbarth is finalizing the draft for the Fire Chief search. The listing should be posted shortly and the Town will begin the interview process. The Town still needs to review who will be on the interview board. TM Hagenbarth will be present along with another Town employee, a member of the Selectboard, a member of the Fire Department, and a Town resident.

10. Police Cruiser Purchase

TM Hagenbarth reported that Police Chief Whit Montgomery found a supplier in Massachusetts with lower prices than the Town's previous options. The Selectboard reviewed the Police Capital Budget with the purchase or leasing of a police cruiser in mind.

11. Short Term Rental Update

SB Haff reported there were 583 currently registered for the Short Term Rental Program with another 10 who should be registered shortly. A total of \$112,510 dollars have been collected through registration fees.

12. Citizen Input – Additional

There were none.

13. Other Business

SB Haff discussed a requested zoning permit for a shed behind Jack's Food and Games. SB Haff made a motion to approve the shed. It was unanimously approved.

14. Executive Session, if necessary

The Selectboard entered into Executive Session at 7:31 pm for legal and personnel. They exited at 8:49 pm. No action was taken.

15. Adjourn

The Meeting was called to adjournment at 8:50 pm.