



Selectboard Meeting Minutes

September 25th, 2023

Present : Stephen Finneron, Chairman
 Jim Haff
 Chris Karr

 Michael Ramsey, Town Manager

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
4. Selectboard Member Feedback and Concerns
5. Open Public Comment
6. AJGA Economic Impact Report (*Patrick Plank & David Bower*)
7. Speed Limit Reduction
8. Public Works Director Report
9. East Mountain Road Reconstruction bid award
10. RT. 4 ERU Sewer Rate
11. Bulky Waste Pickup Date
12. Board of Liquor Control
13. GMP Purchase of Town Owned property for Substation along RT. 4 (*Guest: GMP*)
14. USDA Loan Obligation
15. Fire & Police Report
 - a. Firefighter Staffing
 - b. Body Camera Data Storage
16. Town Financials
 - a. Budget Comparative Report
 - b. Treasurers Report
17. Green Mountain National Golf Course
 - a. Budget Comparative Report
 - b. Treasurers Report
 - c. Capital Outlay: (Golf Carts & Facility Maintenance Building)
18. Managers' Report
19. Citizens Input
20. Other Business
21. Executive Session
22. Adjourn

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- SB Haff made a motion to approve the Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes of September 11th, 2023. It was unanimously approved.
- SB Haff made a motion to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of September 11th, 2023. It was unanimously approved.
- SB Haff made a motion to approve the Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes of September 18th, 2023. It was unanimously approved.

4. Selectboard Member Feedback and Concerns

There was none.

5. Open Public Comment

A resident had a question about a delinquent tax bill. The Selectboard discussed the resident's concern and referred her to speak to the Town Clerk.

6. AJGA Economic Impact Report (*Patrick Plank & David Bower*)

Patrick Plank spoke on the AJGA Economic Impact Report. The AJGA proposed for the AJGA event to return to the GMNGC from June 17-20, 2024. Plank reviewed the Economic Impact Report with the Selectboard which he stated had an impact of \$423,782 dollars. He also provided a list of hotel registrations.

7. Speed Limit Reduction

- TM Ramsey spoke about two speed studies that were done on River Road and Killington Road. The speed limit on River Road is 25mph on the pavement and 30mph on the gravel. The study suggested the speed limit be reduced to 25mph on both. The speed limit on the Killington Road is 35 mph and the study suggested it be reduced to 30mph.
- SB Haff made a motion to reduce the speed limit to 25mph on River Road and 30mph on the Killington Road. It was unanimously approved.
- A discussion was held on police presence and speeding on the Killington Road.

8. Public Works Director Report

Chet Hagenbarth presented the Public Works Director Report. Hagenbarth met with FEMA twice last week to review the damages and mitigation options for East Mountain Road. The

Town completed emergency repairs which makes the roads passable. Temporary paving was estimated to cost \$219,000 dollars and could be done by November 2023. The final repaving process was estimated to cost \$1,115,940 dollars and could be completed by Spring 2024. This did not include the price of replacing culverts.

9. East Mountain Road Reconstruction bid award

TM Ramsey stated a bidding process would begin on the asphalt and remediation culvert work. This discussion was tabled.

10. RT. 4 ERU Sewer Rate

- Hagenbarth stated the yearly ERU RT. 4 Sewer bills needed to be sent again. Last year, a total of \$116,000 dollars was received. The Town was still waiting to receive another pump and will be installing one in November 2023. A \$935 fee per ERU was suggested for the upcoming year.
- SB Haff made a motion to set the RT. 4 Sewer Rate at \$935 per ERU. It was unanimously approved.

11. Bulky Waste Pickup Date

Bulky Waste Pickup Day will be Nov. 4th from 8am to 4pm; Nov. 5 from 8am to 12pm; and Nov. 6 from 8am to 4pm. No hazardous waste will be accepted. A pass will be needed.

12. Board of Liquor Control

Lucrecia Wonsor, Town Clerk, presented Grey Bonnet's request for a renewal of their 1st class liquor license. SB Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with the Grey Bonnet's request for a 1st class liquor license. It was unanimously approved.

13. GMP Purchase of Town Owned property for Substation along RT. 4 (Guest: GMP)

GMP did not attend the meeting. This discussion was tabled.

14. USDA Loan Obligation

TM Ramsey reviewed the USDA Loan Obligation for the Killington Forward project. USDA does not approve loans over 10 million so there are two loan resolutions for a total \$18.394 million dollars. TM Ramsey asked for a resolution of the board to authorize the two loan resolutions. Please see the attached Loan Resolutions.

15. Fire & Police Report

a. Firefighter Staffing

Paul Ginther, Fire Chief, spoke on firefighter staffing needs. He stated the firehouse needed 24/7 coverage with at least one firefighter. He requested hiring two fulltime firefighters who would work 24 hours on and 48 hours off shifts. SB Haff made a

motion to follow Chief Ginther's recommendation of hiring two firefighters and to change the shift schedule. It was unanimously approved.

Chief Ginther stated that the firehouse needed a bunk room. A bunk room was identified and approved by the Fire Marshall on the condition of an addition to the room's alarm. Furniture would need to be purchased for the room. SB Haff made a motion to approve the plan for temporary housing for firefighters. It was unanimously approved.

b. Body Camera Data Storage

Whit Montgomery, Police Chief, stated a system was needed to store the Police Department's body camera data. Chief Montgomery identified a cloud system that would provide unlimited storage and allow for redactions. SB Haff made a motion to approve a 5-year subscription to this cloud service at \$21,200 for all 5 years instead of \$5,000 per year. It was unanimously approved.

16. Town Financials

a. Budget Comparative Report

The Selectboard reviewed the Town's Budget Comparative Report for August. SB Haff made a motion to approve the Town's Budget Comparative Report for August. It was unanimously approved.

b. Treasurers Report

The Selectboard reviewed the Town's Treasurers Report for August. SB Haff made a motion to approve the Town's Treasurers Report for August. It was unanimously approved.

17. Green Mountain National Golf Course

a. Budget Comparative Report

The Selectboard reviewed GMNGC's Budget Comparative Report for August. SB Haff made a motion to approve the GMNGC's Budget Comparative Report for August. It was unanimously approved.

b. Treasurers Report

The Selectboard reviewed GMNGC's Treasurers Report for August. SB Haff made a motion to approve the Town's Treasurers Report for August. It was unanimously approved.

c. Capital Outlay: (Golf Carts & Facility Maintenance Building)

- GMNGC's golf cart lease agreements will end soon and GMNGC needs to know how to proceed.
- GMNGC's Facility Maintenance Building needs to be refurbished and is leaking. The Selectboard agreed that it should be repaired.

18. Managers' Report

Due to the length of the Meeting, TM Ramsey instructed participants to review the Town Manager's Report available on the Town's website.

19. Citizens Input

There was none.

20. Other Business

The Selectboard announced that a ribbon cutting and first tree cutting would take place at the new pump station location on Oct. 4th, 2023 at noon with an after party at the Killington Welcome Center.

21. Executive Session

SB Haff made a motion to enter into Executive Session for personnel and contacts at 9:02pm. The Selectboard stated that no action would be taken.

22. Adjourn

The Meeting was called to adjournment at 9:02pm.