



Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 24, 2020

Present: Steve Finneron, Chairman
Jim Haff
Chuck Claffey

Chet Hagenbarth, Town Manager

Citizens via *Zoom*: Pamela Martin
Sarah Newell
Lucrecia Wonsor

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Selectboard Member Concerns
4. Citizens Input
5. Authorization to receive and expend donations for COVID 19 Relief
6. Board of Liquor Control
7. Other Business
8. Executive Session, if necessary
9. Adjourn

1. Call to Order
CH Finneron called the Meeting to Order at 10:00 am.

2. Approval of the Agenda
A motion to approve the Agenda as presented, UNANIMOUS.

3. Selectboard Member Concerns
There were no selectboard member concerns.

4. Citizens Input
There was none.

5. **Authorization to receive and expend donations for COVID 19 Relief**

Inspired by KPSRP food giveaway in March, Killington resident Pamela Martin started a GoFundMe page in an effort to provide financial relief for service workers in the Community. The page was more successful than she had anticipated so she requested the Town assist in the collection and distribution of such funds.

After consultation with Attorney and Auditor it was resolved authorization was required from the Selectboard. A motion the Selectboard authorize the Town receives and expends donations for COVID-19 Relief was approved, UNANIMOUS.

Some Foundations had shown interest in making donations but were restricted to charities only. Municipalities were able to conduct charitable work in the form of a 170(c)(1); the attorneys would draw up ready for posting and publicizing.

In light of this response and that of residents and second-home owners alike, it was agreed to expand the mandate to include a small stimulus payment for families in need. At this point, Martin asked that she not be involved in the distribution of funds but focus her energy on the drive for donations. It was also agreed the Town itself not distribute *stimulus* payments, rather have an external committee make these decisions with Recreation/After School Director Newell sit in, but not vote.

Bryan Gudelis, owner of the Garlic Restaurant has been cooking meals 4-days a week, every week for families that would normally qualify for free school lunches out of his own pocket.

Phil and Joy Black, owners of the Lookout have been continuing their weekly Senior Lunches (in collaboration with the Town) but at no cost to the Seniors.

The Little White Church has a food pantry and would continue to receive non-perishable donations directly, without involving the Town. Church of Our Saviour, Mission Farm has a "Vicars' Discretionary Fund" and both churches could be a valuable resource in identifying potential donees.

Beth Robinson of the Ottauquechee Health Foundation in Woodstock was able to include Killington, being part of the school district, in assistance and grants for healthcare expenses. She would also provide products for the next food/bag drive giveaway.

Sarah Newell Recreation/After School Director, who was visible the entire day assisting in the April Food/Bag giveaway, was thanked for her non-stop behind the scenes work in responding to individual pleas and enquiries and ensuring EVERYONE assisting remain connected.

Appreciation was also extended to Mary Guggenberger at the Killington Elementary School, Gerrie Russell and the Active Seniors, the churches, the Sherburne Memorial Library, the Town, the KPAA and Scott Harrison and his food & beverage Crew at the Killington Resort.

In conclusion, the Selectboard agreed to the following **set-up** for the initial funds:

The GoFundMe account would continue to operate driven by resident Martin, receiving smaller gifts and donations for financial relief for service workers laid off during COVID-19. Non-perishable donations directly to the Church.

Larger check donations would go directly to the Town and receipts would be issued for Tax purposes. (Foundations should consult their own attorneys/auditors for tax questions).

A check for \$1,250 would be issued to Gudelis of the Garlic to assist with continued food donations.

A Check for \$1,250 would be issued to the Blacks at the Lookout to assist with continued food donations.

\$12,000 be set aside for the next Food/Bag giveaway in collaboration with KPSRP, approximately 200 bags scheduled for May 5, 2020.

\$12,600 be set aside for grants, to be determined by an external committee yet to be structured.

An estimate for a potential June Food/Bag giveaway should be drawn up in anticipation.

A motion to accept and approve the aforementioned “set-up” was UNANIMOUS.

6. Board of Liquor Control

A renewal application for first and third-class liquor permit(s) and an application with diagram for an Outside Consumption permit, had been received from Taco X LLC, dba Taco X.

A motion that the Town Clerk move forward with these permits, pending her receipt of confirmation of landowner approval for the new permit was approved, UNANIMOUS.

7. Other Business

The Board of Listers’ were in receipt of a letter from the State of Vermont granting, with Selectboard approval, an extension in time to complete work relating to the duties of listers and/or assessors due to the current covid-19 climate. The decision to extend was tabled at this time.

8. Executive Session, if necessary

The Selectboard went into executive session at 10:52 am and exited at 11:09 am to discuss contracts. No action taken.

9. Adjourn

The Meeting was called to adjournment at 11:10 am.