



Selectboard Meeting Minutes DRAFT
March 10, 2025

Present:

Jim Haff
Patrick Cushing
Ricky Bowen

Tom Yennerell, Interim Town Manager

1. Call to Order
2. Board Reorganization
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Appointment to the Regional Ambulance Service Board of Directors
5. Approval of the Minutes
6. Board of Liquor Control
7. Approval of Spring Bulky Days at Transfer Station
 - a. Saturday May 3rd and Monday May 5th
8. Appoint Designated Complaint Recipient
9. Sign Vicious Dog Order
10. VTrans Annual Financial Plan
11. Discuss Golf Course Budget with Great Life Golf
12. Water Ordinance Review
13. Selectboard Member Comments or Concerns
14. Open Public Comment
15. Executive Session
16. Adjourn

1. Call to Order

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

2. Board Reorganization

The Selectboard made a motion for SB Haff to remain the Selectboard Chair until the additional two Selectboard members are voted in June 2025. SB Haff, SB Cushing, and SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

3. Approval of the Agenda

- SB Haff made a motion to create a new Agenda item, Art. 4, to appoint Peggy Pelletier to the Regional Ambulance Service Board of Directors. SB Cushing and SB Bowen second the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- SB Haff made a motion to change the order of Art. 7, Art. 8, Art. 9, and Art. 11 to be discussed after Art. 7. SB Cushing and SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- SB Haff made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. SB Cushing and SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

4. Appointment to the Regional Ambulance Service Board of Directors

- SB Haff made a motion to appoint Peggy Pelletier to the Regional Ambulance Service Board of Directors from March 2025 to March 2028. SB Cushing and SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- Peggy Pelletier was previously appointed to the Regional Ambulance Service, however, the former Selectboard members had not yet signed the paperwork before the new Selectboard members were elected.

5. Approval of the Minutes

- The Selectboard Meeting Minutes for January 13th, February 10th, February 20th, and February 24th will remain in draft for the time being as SB Haff was the only current Selectboard Member present at the meetings.
- The Selectboard reviewed the Meeting Minutes for March 5th at 3:30pm. This was a Special Selectboard Meeting for an Executive Session to discuss personal contracts. SB Haff made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for March 5th with the correction to change the Executive Session subject from personnel contracts to *Town Manager Interview*. SB Cushing and SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

6. Board of Liquor Control

- Peggy Neisner, Town Clerk, presented two Special Event permits for Cold Spring Spirits, LLC and Vermont Hard Seltzer Company, LLC.
- Neisner presented Scrub-a-Dub Pub's request for a 1st class liquor license, 3rd class liquor license, and two outside consumption permit renewals. SB Haff

made a motion for the Town Clerk to confirm whether the application was meant for Scrub-a-Dub Pub or for Jax's. SB Cushing and SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

- Neisner presented Pickle Barrel's request for a 1st class liquor license, 3rd class liquor license, and an outside consumption permit renewals. SB Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with Pickle Barrel's request to renew their 1st class liquor license, 3rd class liquor license, and outside consumption permit. SB Cushing and SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- Neisner presented Charity's 1887 Saloon's request for a 1st class liquor license, 3rd class liquor license, and an outside consumption permit renewals. SB Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with Charity's 1887 Saloon's request to renew their 1st class liquor license, 3rd class liquor license, and outside consumption permit. SB Cushing and SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- Neisner presented the Foundry's request for a 1st class liquor license, 3rd class liquor license, and an outside consumption permit renewals. SB Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with the Foundry's request to renew their 1st class liquor license, 3rd class liquor license, and outside consumption permit. SB Cushing and SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- Neisner presented Water Wheel Trading's request for a 2nd class liquor license, a tobacco license, and a tobacco substitute endorsement. SB Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with Water Wheel Trading's request to renew their 2nd class liquor license, tobacco license, and tobacco substitute endorsement. SB Cushing and SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

7. Approval of Spring Bulky Days at Transfer Station

- **Saturday May 3rd and Monday May 5th**
SB Haff made a motion to approve Spring Bulky Days at the Transfer Station for Saturday, May 3rd and Monday, May 5th. SB Cushing and SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

8. Appoint Designated Complaint Recipient

- SB Haff made a motion to appoint the Town Manager as the Designated Complaint Recipient. SB Cushing and SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- The Designated Complaint Recipient can be reviewed at a later time and changed, if needed.

9. Sign Vicious Dog Order

The Selectboard reviewed the details of the Vicious Dog Hearing held on February 24, 2025. The Selectboard issued the following order for the protection of the public. Within

10 days of the order, Leigh Isaacs shall have Zeus, a 51-pound Pit Bull, euthanized by a licensed veterinarian. Leigh Isaacs shall provide the Selectboard with written documentation from such licensed veterinarian that Zeus has been euthanized no later than April 1st, 2025. If such documentation is not provided, and the dog, Zeus is found to be in the Town of Killington the Killington Police Department may seize the dog and have it euthanized by a licensed veterinarian.

10. VTrans Annual Financial Plan

The Town must submit an Annual Financial Plan to VTrans. The Town's proposed plan includes a total of \$2,880,486 dollars for road maintenance.

SB Haff made a motion to approve and sign the VTrans Annual Financial Plan. SB Cushing and SB Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

11. Discuss Golf Course Budget with Great Life Golf

- Justin Stezin from Great Life Golf, discussed the Golf Course budget with the Selectboard. Stezin reviewed the highlights which included a projected \$1.453 million revenue, which is a 1.9% increase from the previous budget for the current fiscal year. Total expenses in the upcoming budget increased with the addition of an Assistant Superintendent for the Course Maintenance Department; food, liquor, and beer expenses; and capital equipment expenses and leases.
- The Selectboard reviewed the Golf Course Budget and provided their questions. The Selectboard also set new fees for golf passes.
- The Selectboard will table their approval of the Golf Course Budget until a completed budget with the bond payment addition is provided.

12. Water Ordinance Review

- Abbie Sherman, Public Works Director, reviewed the Water Ordinance draft, which was previously provided to the Selectboard. Sherman drafted the Water Ordinance with the Dufrene Group and has been reviewed by Vermont Rural Water, the Agency of Natural Resources, and a legal review.
- The Selectboard provided their questions to Sherman.
- Sherman will present another Water Ordinance Review next month.

13. Selectboard Member Comments or Concerns

- SB Cushing will table his question on the AJGA event for a future Meeting.

14. Open Public Comment

- In reference to a Public Information Request, Town Residents Jay Hickory, Andrew Guida, and Don Martin asked for additional details about the last day of employment and severance package of a former Town Manager. SB Haff stated that the previous Town Manager did not advise or inform the Selectboard on the actions he took towards another previous Town Manager's salary. It is up to the Town Manager to make decisions on hiring and firing Town employees. The Selectboard can only hire or fire the Town Manager. SB Haff asked Town

Employee Mona Hickory, who was in charge of payroll and HR, about the situation and any documents showing the questioning of a severance package to such Town Manager. Hickory stated she did not have anything on file.

- Town Resident Ken Wonsor requested the Town to include a list of attendees, both in-person and via Zoom, for all Selectboard Meetings. Under the Statute for the State of Vermont, it is not required to provide the attendance list.
- Town Resident Ken Wonsor asked about the status of the new Town Hall and the final budget. TM Yennerell will need to present the finalized budget to the Selectboard which is \$30,000 over the originally passed budget.
- Town Resident Ken Wonsor asked about the status of the new Town Manager. The Selectboard will make a decision on whether they will authorize an offer during the Executive Session.
- Town Resident Lucretia Wonsor provided a comment on the Green Mountain National Golf Course's budget. The Contracted Financial Services charge is currently listed as \$36,000 however, this should be increased to \$72,000 to reflect the Selectboard's motion from December 23, 2024 to increase the charge. Wonsor also stated that Great Life Golf does not pay this fee, as written in previous Selectboard Meeting Minutes. The fee is paid by the Golf Course.

15. Executive Session

The Selectboard entered into Executive Session at 8:58 pm for a Town Manager discussion. They exited at 10:35 pm. No action was taken but the Selectboard provided directions to the Town Manager.

16. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm.