



Selectboard Meeting Minutes DRAFT
June 10, 2024

Present:

Jim Haff
Chris Karr
Robert Hecker

Michael Ramsey, Town Manager

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes
4. Appoint a Selectboard Chair and Vice Chair
5. Selectboard Member Feedback and Concerns
6. Open Public Comment
7. Board of Liquor Control
8. Change Orders 2 & 3 for Road Project 1B (Follow up from emergency meeting)
9. Department Reports
 - a. Town Manager Report
 - b. Police Chief Report
 - c. Fire Chief Report
10. Open Public Comment
11. Appoint a Deputy Fire Warden
12. Other Business
13. Executive Session (Contract/Labor relations agreements with employees)
14. Adjourn

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

SB Jim Haff made a motion to accept the agenda as may be amended. TM Ramsey asked to add an additional Article after Art. 10 (Open Public Comment) to elect a Fire Warden. SB Jim Haff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- The Selectboard reviewed the May 29 Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes. TM Ramsey presented the changes made to the RF dollars amounts and the addition of the motion made after Executive Session. SB Haff made a motion to approve the May 29 Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes as amended. SB Karr seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- The Selectboard reviewed the May 23 Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes. TM Ramsey presented the addition of the motion made after Executive Session. SB Haff made a motion to approve the May 23 Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes as amended. SB Karr seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- The Selectboard reviewed the May 13 Selectboard Meeting Minutes. SB Haff made a motion to approve the May 13 Selectboard Meeting Minutes as presented. SB Karr seconded. SB Hecker abstained as he was not a Selectboard member at the time of that Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.
- The Selectboard reviewed the April 22 Selectboard Meeting Minutes. SB Haff made a motion to approve the April 22 Selectboard Meeting Minutes as presented. SB Karr seconded. SB Hecker abstained as he was not a Selectboard member at the time of that Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Appoint a Selectboard Chair and Vice Chair

The Selectboard tabled this discussion for Executive Session.

5. Selectboard Member Feedback and Concerns

- SB Karr asked for an update on the school district impact study. TM Ramsey stated it would begin in July.
- SB Karr asked for an update on the road mowing bid. TM Ramsey stated it hadn't gone out to bid yet and it had been delayed.

6. Open Public Comment

- Ken Wonsor asked for an update to Art. 7 related to the Road Foreman job description from the May 29th Special Selectboard Meeting. After the May 29th Meeting, TM Ramsey was out of the office due to a medical concern and does not yet have an update at this time but will get back to Wonsor as soon as possible.

- Steve Finner asked whether a light system at the intersection of Killington Road and Route 4 could be installed in the winter so drivers could see the police officers directing traffic. SB Haff stated the Town only owns the Killington Road while the State owns Route 4. TM Ramsey will bring up this suggestion to the State.
- Steve Finner asked the Selectboard to put out a note that anyone who was a former member of the Fire Department and resigned last year could re-apply. The Selectboard highlighted that they don't hire or fire but former members are allowed to apply and the Town Manager and Fire Chief will make the final hiring decision.
- Debbie Bourke asked about Art. 5 from the March elections on the school district choice. TM Ramsey stated the impact study would begin in July.

7. Board of Liquor Control

- The Selectboard discussed Fire on the Mountain Glass Gallery and Smokeshop's tobacco license renewals. SB Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with Fire on the Mountain Glass Gallery and Smokeshop's renewal for a tobacco license. SB Hecker seconded the motion. SB Karr abstained from the motion. The motion passed.

8. Change Orders 2 & 3 for Road Project 1B (Follow up from emergency meeting)

The Selectboard previously discussed the change orders 2 and 3 for Road Project 1B during an emergency meeting. TM Ramsey reported that change order 2 was to address storm work mitigation efforts and change order 3 was to change the use of plastic pipes to a ductile iron pipe. The Town Manager and the Selectboard answered any questions the residents had.

9. Department Reports

- **Town Manager Report**

Killington Forward Initiative:

- **Water Project:**
 - Step III Loan underwriting documents for Contract 1-3A have been approved for \$22 Million. Step II has been approved to cover engineering costs for Contract 4 in the amount of \$1.3 Million.
 - There have been some complaints regarding stormwater runoff from the access road. It was inspected and there doesn't appear to be any observable discharge from the town onto private property.
 - The construction of the pump house has begun along Rt. 4.
- **Road Project:**
 - Plans for the road project around the Ski Village (Project 1A) are 90% complete. Some unexpected permitting hurdles need to be addressed because of the new Wetland rules.
 - Blasting is underway and pipe is being installed along the base of the access road (Project 1B). The project is still on schedule for substantial completion in mid-July.

New Town Hall:

- Lights on the East side of the building have been replaced. Carpet and paint have been installed on the West Side of the building. Since taxes go out in July and it's a busy time for those moving, the relocation has been postponed to late July.
- Bids have been solicited for the construction of just the vault, stairway, and the removal of a downstairs wall. RFQs are due to come to the town by July 5th.

General Government Operations:

- The Town has received a report that Jason Sasbon's dogs are no longer at the Val Roc. A follow-up will be made with the Sheriff's Office
- The Public Works Director has been coordinating with state officials to maintain the beaver dams along River Road. They will not be removed but lowered within an allowable limit.
- To support local businesses along the access road, a sign has been created and installed that notes businesses are open during construction.
- The town has formally been awarded an \$85,000 Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative Grant for a safer trail crossing for cyclists along Rt 100
- The treasurer received reimbursement for emergency FEMA work of \$350,000. The Public Works Director and I are attaining easement and soliciting bids for a larger culvert replacement at the intersection of Bear Mounting Road. Paving bids are also being prepared.
- A contractor has been hired to repair the failing wall in front of The Baker along the access road.
- The town was not awarded a class 2 highway repaving grant for 2024.
- The June KPAA mixer was hosted by the town at the golf course.
- Road Forman Job advertisements have been posted. Bob Mitowski has been overseeing the cleanup along Thundering Brook Road.
- The town received word from the state that the scope of work for the town reappraisal is insufficient, and they are requiring that every home be reappraised instead of using a hybrid approach. The listers are working with Vision now to strategize a path forward
- The Recreation Committee and Planning Commission has decided to move forward with performing a recreation master plan study and has received multiple RFQs. They will request the Selectboard hear a presentation by the desired consultant at the last meeting in June.

○ **Police Chief Report**

- i. Police Chief Montgomery presented the Police Chief Report. During May 2024, there were a total of 153 instances with 84 cases and 69 calls for services. From January 1 to June 7, there were 1,158 instances with 492 cases and 666 calls for services. There was a 10% increase in instances from 2023 so far.
- ii. The Police Department is conducting background checks on wo potential hires. KSOR has 21 active members and trainings are now held monthly instead of weekly.

○ **Fire Chief Report**

- i. With the Interim Fire Chief unavailable during the Meeting, SB Haff presented the Fire Chief Report. During May 2024, there were a total of 56 instances with 26 related to fire, 27 related to EMS, and 3 related to

both fire and EMS. Since January 1, 2024, there have been 203 instances. At this time last year, there had been 185 instances.

- ii. The Fire Chief Report provided an update on its members' training progress and completion.
- iii. Engine 2 is still out of service and the Fire Department is continuing to research potential replacements. Engines 1 and 3 are undergoing regular maintenance.

10. Open Public Comment

There was none.

11. Appoint a Deputy Fire Warden

Mark Fiore is the Fire Warden, and a new Deputy Fire Warden is needed after Paul Ginther's departure. Craig Bowman requested to be the replacement. SB Haff made a motion to appoint Craig Bowman as the Deputy Fire Warden. SB Karr and SB Hecker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

12. Other Business

There was no other business.

13. Executive Session

SB Haff made a motion to enter Executive Session for personnel at 7:27 pm. SB Karr and SB Hecker seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Selectboard exited Executive Session at 9:30 pm.

Jim Haff made the motion that the Town of Killington's Selectboard authorizes the Town Manager to notify the Vermont Labor Relations Board that the Town opts for Option 2 in VLRB's letter to Michael Ramsey dated May 30, 2024, which agrees to a consent election. Motion seconded by Chris Karr and passed unanimously.

14. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.