



Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes DRAFT
July 22, 2024

Present: Jim Haff
Chris Karr
Robert Hecker

Michael Ramsey, Town Manager
Abbie Sherman, DPW Director
Kevin Hewitt, Foreman
Lucrecia Wonsor, Treasurer/Clerk
Whit Montgomery, Police Chief
Craig Bowman, Fire Chief

Patrick Cushing
Don Martin
Mike Miller
David Bowyer
Justin Stezin
Debbie Burke
Jan Rich
Jim Rich
Beth Sayre-Scibona
John Sayre-Scibona

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes
4. Selectboard Member Feedback and Concerns
5. Open Public Comment
6. Board of Liquor Control
7. Quotes for Winter Sand
8. Rt. 4 Town Hall Bids (Downstairs Construction)
9. Department Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. General Fund Comparative Report
 - c. Green Mountain National Golf Course Comparative Report
 - d. Public Works Report
10. Open Public Comment
11. Other Business
12. Executive Session
13. Adjourn

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

SB Jim Haff made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. SB Chris Karr and SB Rob Hecker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- The Selectboard reviewed the July 8 Emergency Selectboard Meeting Minutes. SB Karr made a motion to approve the July 8 Emergency Selectboard Meeting Minutes as presented. SB Haff and SB Hecker seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- The Selectboard reviewed the July 8 Selectboard Meeting Minutes. SB Karr made a motion to approve the July 8 Selectboard Meeting Minutes as presented. SB Haff and SB Hecker seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- The Selectboard reviewed the July 15 Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes. SB Haff made a motion to approve the July 15 Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes as presented. SB Karr and SB Hecker seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Selectboard Member Feedback and Concerns

- SB Haff stated that the Killington Road was re-opened as a dirt road for ambulances, the Bus, and trucks. In four weeks, it will be closed again for paving. Progress on the Killington Road was delayed due to the Town's ability to obtain the easement and the Town's efforts in obtaining State permission to work in a wetlands area.

5. Open Public Comment

- Resident Mike Miller asked about the possibility of burying the telephone poles on Killington Road. The Town had spoken to Green Mountain Power about this possibility however, the study alone would have cost \$300,000 dollars. It would cost an additional \$30 million dollars to bury the telephone poles.
- Don Martin and Patrick Cushing stated some safety concerns about the lack of division between the lanes and the amount of dust limiting drivers view in the construction area on Killington Road.
- John Sayre-Scibona asked about any considerations towards road work on Thundering Brook Road. Sayre-Scibona previously wrote a letter to the Town on the tree and road damage on the Road and asked for an update. In a previous Executive Session, the Selectboard gave instructions to the Town Foreman and the Town Manager to address the issues on Thundering Brook Road. The Selectboard will re-enter Executive Session tonight to figure out next steps. The Selectboard and other Town employees will visit the site to assess the damage.

6. Board of Liquor Control

There was no Board of Liquor Control.

7. Quotes for Winter Sand

Abbie Sherman, Public Works Director, reviewed four quotes for winter sand. SB Haff made a motion to accept Wallingford Landscaping's bid for \$119,974 for the sand and the trucking costs. SB Karr and SB Hecker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

8. Rt. 4 Town Hall Bids (Downstairs Construction)

The Town received one bid for the downstairs construction for the Rt. 4 Town Hall. The Selectboard will table this discussion for Executive Session.

9. Department Reports

- **Treasurer's Report**
 - i. The Selectboard reviewed the June 2024 Year End Treasurer's Report.
 - ii. SB Haff made a motion to accept the June 2024 Year End Treasurer's Report. SB Karr and SB Hecker seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
- **General Fund Comparative Report**
 - i. The Selectboard reviewed the June 2024 Year End General Fund Comparative Report.
 - ii. SB Haff made a motion to accept the June 2024 Year End General Fund Comparative Report. SB Karr and SB Hecker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- **Green Mountain National Golf Course Comparative Report**
 - i. The Selectboard reviewed the June 2024 Year End Green Mountain National Golf Course Comparative Report. GMNGC budgeted a total revenue of \$1,355,000. The actual revenue was \$1,382,000. The budgeted expenses were \$1,293,000. The actual expenses were \$1,163,000.
 - ii. SB Haff made a motion to accept the June 2024 Year End Green Mountain National Golf Course Comparative Report. SB Karr and SB Hecker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - iii. The Selectboard and GMNGC reviewed an \$8,000 cost for damaged golf carts due to off-path driving and other related accidents. GMNGC does not require customers to formally agree to pay for any fees related to golf cart damage but can consider future options.
- **Public Works Report**
 - i. Abbie Sherman, Public Works Director, and Kevin Hewitt, Foreman, provided a Public Works Report. They highlighted the completed roadside mowing on Killington East, the Killington Road, and River Road. The Highway Crew is currently mowing in North Sherburne and will then move to Pico and the Basin. All Class 3 Roads have been graded, and Class 4 roads will be graded by Mosher Excavating. Line stripping was

completed on the Killington Road, East Mountain Road, River Road, and Schoolhouse Road last week. The line stripping crew will return on August 8th and 9th. Upcoming projects include road work nearby Mountain Meadows, work on the Archie Baker Bridge, and work on the Valley View Beaver Dam.

10. Open Public Comment

- Don Martin requested that the Selectboard increase from 3 to 5 members. The Selectboard is unable to increase the number of Selectboard members. This question was previously put up in a vote and Residents voted for the number of Selectboard members to remain at 3. Town Residents may create a petition to raise the number of Selectboard members to 5, if they are interested in doing so.
- Resident Patrick Cushing asked about the risk landscape the Town faces with its current funds. The Selectboard stated there should not be any concern as the Town is not in a position where they must borrow money to make payments.

11. Other Business

There was none.

12. Executive Session

SB Haff made a motion to enter Executive Session for contracts and legal matters at 7:55 pm. SB Karr and SB Hecker seconded the motion. The Selectboard invited Abbie Sherman and Kevin Hewitt to join. The Selectboard exited Executive Session at 9:00 pm. A motion was made to approve the agreement between the Town and Great Gulf for the disposal of flood debris onto the property along Route 4. The Selectboard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

13. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.