



Selectboard Meeting Minutes DRAFT
February 10, 2025

Present:

Jim Haff
Chris Karr
Robert Hecker

Tom Yannelli, Interim Town Manager

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes
4. Board of Liquor Control
5. Adoption of Scoping Study - Connecting Trails
6. Approve and Sign Annual TIF Report
7. RAISE Grant Discussion
8. Recertification of Town Road & Bridge Standards
9. Ethics and Conflict of Interest Legislation Update
10. Manager's Report
11. Selectboard Member Comments or Concerns
12. Open Public Comment
13. Executive Session
14. Adjourn

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Selectboard reviewed the Agenda. SB Haff made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. SB Hecker and SB Karr seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- The Selectboard reviewed the Special Town Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2025 for Town Manager Interviews. SB Haff made a motion to approve the Special Town Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2025. SB Karr and SB Hecker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- The Selectboard reviewed the Town Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2025. TM Yannelli presented a few changes to be made to the Town Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2025 included below. SB Haff made a motion to approve the Town Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2025 as amended. SB Hecker and SB Karr seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - i. The revenue for the Green Mountain National Golf Course Restaurant was incorrectly stated as \$1,097,000. Instead, \$1,098,00 is the total revenue for the Green Mountain National Golf Course.
 - ii. Monica Legayada's last name was incorrectly spelt.
 - iii. \$70,000 were moved to the Pro Shop from the Restaurant. It was incorrectly stated that \$70,000 was moved from the Pro Shop to the Restaurant.
- The Selectboard reviewed the Emergency Town Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2025 for Town Manager Contracts. SB Haff made a motion to approve the Special Town Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2025. SB Karr and SB Hecker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Board of Liquor Control

- SB Karr abstained from voting for all motions during the Board of Liquor Control discussion.
- Peggy Neisner, Town Clerk, presented a Catering Permit for the Rolling Rooster for a private event to be held on February 15th at 73 Alpine Drive.
- Neisner presented Sushi Yoshi's request for an outside consumption permit renewal. SB Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with Sushi Yoshi's renewal for an outside consumption permit. SB Hecker seconded the motion. SB Karr abstained from the motion. The motion passed.
- Neisner presented Grey Bonnet Inn's request for a 1st class liquor license, a 3rd class liquor license, and an outside consumption permit renewal. SB Haff made a motion for the Town Clerk to move forward with Grey Bonnet Inn's renewal for a 1st class liquor license, a 3rd class liquor license, and an outside consumption

permit renewal. SB Hecker seconded the motion. SB Karr abstained from the motion. The motion passed.

5. Adoption of Scoping Study - Connecting Trails

- Lisa Davis Lewis, Town Planner, (and whoever else) presented on the adoption of a scoping study funded by VTrans to connect trails in the Town. The focus is on the Route 100 corridor and its intersection with Route 4 with the goal of making the Town more bike and pedestrian friendly and putting in more connections from the center of Town along Route 100. Following a request from the State of Vermont Parks and Recreation Department, a multi-use path was eliminated from the study as it ran through an old growth forest on the East side of Route 100.
- Will (last name), (position), and Emily Hudson, Recreation Director, presented a copy of the finalized study to the Selectboard and reviewed the results.
- SB Karr made a motion to adopt the Scoping Study - Connecting Trails as presented. SB Hecker and SB Haff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

6. Approve and Sign Annual TIF Report

- The Selectboard and Town Manager discussed the TIF Report which must be completed annually to the Vermont Economics Progress Council. The reporting period lasted from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Abbie Sherman, Public Works Director, provided a summary of the report.
- SB Haff made a motion to approve and sign the Annual TIF Report with the discussion changes. SB Karr and SB Hecker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. RAISE Grant Discussion

- Lisa Davis Lewis, Town Planner, stated that she, SB Haff, the Town's Program Manager/Partner at the Federal Highway Administration, and the VTrans Project Manager met two weeks ago. They informed the Town that the Department of Transportation instructed their staff that all federal grants are paused pending the ultimate outcome of infrastructure programs. They were cautiously optimistic that a resolution would be secured in the coming weeks. Prior to the pause, the Town was pre-approved to spend up to \$1.17 million dollars on engineering and project management costs. The Town reached out and received a proposal from a firm to provide municipal project management services however, the Town has since paused their efforts due to the funding paused.

8. Recertification of Town Road & Bridge Standards

- Abbie Sherman, Public Works Director, presented the recertification of Town Road & Bridge Standards which needs to be completed annually by the Selectboard. The recertification requires the Selectboard to confirm that they still agree to adhere to the State's codes and standards for town highways. The

Selectboard originally adopted these standards back in 2019. Recertification provides the Town with access to State and FEMA funding.

- SB Haff made a motion for the Selectboard to approve the recertification of the Town Road & Bridge Standards. SB Karr and SB Hecker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

9. Ethics and Conflict of Interest Legislation Update

- TM Yannelli presented the Ethics and Conflict of Interest Legislation update to the Selectboard. The Town was informed in January of the need to create a new Town Ordinance towards Ethics and Conflict of Interest legislation. This draft ordinance was created by Attorney Barlow and TM Yannelli. The Town has to designate a specific person for complaints. TM Yannelli requested that the Selectboard review the ordinance for discussion in an upcoming Town Meeting.

10. Manager's Report

- TM Yannelli stated that the vault for the new Town Hall was ordered. The Town applied for the required 6-hour fire rating from the Fire Marshall. The architectural prints are completed, and the Town is awaiting final pricing from the contractor.
- The Town continues to negotiate with the Union for the Highway Department, which is progressing well.

11. Selectboard Member Comments or Concerns

- There was none.

12. Open Public Comment

- Louis Burleson, Town Resident, stated that parking for Pico Mountain is creating roadblocks on Alpine Drive creating a safety issue as emergency vehicles will not be able to pass through, if needed. Additionally, cars are being parked in a snowplow turnaround at the end of the dead end road. Burleson requested that the Town enforce the parking ordinance on Alpine Drive. The Selectboard will discuss this further with the Town Manager, the Police Chief, and the Killington Resort to coordinate better enforcement of the parking ordinance on Town roads. Police Chief Montgomery stated that he has already spoken with the Killington Resort and their Parking Department to develop a proactive plan on this issue in the upcoming week.
- Jay Hickory, Town Resident, asked if the State Law for Ethics and Conflict of Interest draft ordinance could be posted on the Town's website. The Selectboard agreed and it will be posted online.
- Jay Hickory, Town Resident, asked about the Town's progress on the Town Manager search. The Selectboard will be going into a discussion on the Town Manager search in Executive Discussion. The Town received 30 applicants and narrowed it down to 3 applicants who were interviewed. The Town will make a decision tonight.

- Patrick Cushing, Town Resident, stated that if someone did not feel comfortable making a complaint to the Town's Ethics Liaison, they would be able to make a complaint directly to the State Ethics Board online.

13. Executive Session

- The Selectboard entered into Executive Session at 7:29 pm to discuss contracts for Town Manager. They exited at 7:57 pm. No action was taken. The Selectboard has shortened the list of potential Town Manager candidates to two individuals. The Selectboard has instructed TM Yannelli to make an appointment by February 18, 2025 to re-interview the two remaining candidates.
- The Selectboard re-entered into Executive Session at 8:01 pm to discuss Real Estate. They exited at 8:09 pm. No action was taken. The Selectboard stated that there is a Workforce Housing Contribution Agreement with the Killington Resort and Great Gulf. The Killington Resort has already contributed \$350,000 and Great Gulf will begin making payments on February 15, 2025 at \$70,000 for the next five quarters. SB Haff made a motion for the Selectboard Chair to sign the Workforce Housing Contribution Agreement that has already been signed by Great Gulf and vetted by the Town's Attorney, Jeremy Farkas. SB Karr and SB Hecker seconded the motion.

14. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.