

**MINUTES SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**4:45 P.M. Tuesday, November 9, 2021**  
**20 CHURCH STREET**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR**

**Select Board**

Eric Remick, Chair  
Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Vice Chair  
Elizabeth Dow  
Shari Cornish  
Michael Deering - *absent*

**Others Present**

David Upson, Town Manager  
Amanda Fecteau, Payroll Administrator

**Others Present**

Orise Ainsworth

**Special Meeting:**

**4:48 P.M.** – Select Board Chair, Eric Remick, called the meeting to order

**4:48 P.M.** – Set/adjust agenda- None

**4:49 P.M.** – Communication from audience – Orise Ainsworth first thanked the Board for taking her suggestions from the Charter Hearing # 1 meeting on November 4, 2021, into consideration. The voters will be able to vote whether to make Town Clerk appointed, and then they will be able to vote on all other proposed changes.

However, Orise is still very much concerned about the whole process. Her first concern was about timing. She stated that the vote needed to be 30 days from the day the approved warning was posted, not the day it was actually approved. She stated that if it was approved tonight, and posted tomorrow, November 10, the Select Board didn't have the 30 days. The Town Manager was in contact with the Business Manager, who stated that the timeline was approved by the Secretary of State, and the Town Lawyer, and that Charter changes can be changed up to 20 days before the vote.

Another concern was that when the warning was posted in the Hardwick Gazette, it didn't list all the changes that are being proposed. Only 4 out of the 6 significant changes were listed. Orise felt that the warning in the Gazette didn't match the amended warning that the Town had to sign and approve. She felt that it's misleading, and it seems like the Town is hiding information. She would like to see everything spelt out. The Gazette was a summary of the changes and in the warning, it stated to see to the full document on the Town's website. It was summarized due to space. The Charter changes have been posted on the website several times and posted in other locations as well.

All the documentation that Orise has seen has been confusing and she doesn't think the voters will know what exactly they are voting on. Elizabeth Dow stated that she made a summary of the changes, and this summary has been available for the public to see and will be available at the time of voting.

Another thing that Orise mentioned was that the amended warning that the Town wanted to approve and sign tonight was summarized. She stated that it should have all the articles and chapters listed. To see the full documentation, please see a copy of it on the Town's website.

**4:49 P.M.** Select Board to review and consider approving a change to the proposed Charter changes ballot/warning. Specifically, the proposed change of the Town Clerk/Asst. Town Clerk positions to become appointed instead of elected would be a separate item on the ballot from the other proposed changes.

*No action taken.* The Select Board has asked the Town Clerk to triple check everything. They will need to schedule another special meeting to sign and approve of the changes.

There were no Select Board Reports, New Business, or Old Business.

*Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.*

**5:05 P.M.** Eric Remick, Chair, adjourned the Special meeting.

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amanda Fecetau, Payroll Administrator

Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Remick, Select Board Chair