

**Meeting Minutes for Hardwick Downtown Commission
Zoom
Monday, March 21, 2022, 8:30 a.m.**

Present: Shari Cornish, Katie Tandy, Sandy Scott, Tobin Porter, David Upson, Gary Michaels

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the candidates for the consultant to guide us in creating a non-profit, applying for downtown designation, and moving forward as a Downtown organization.

The consensus on the interviews was generally unanimous:

- Melissa Levy (Community Roots) showed some hesitancy in answering questions and overall indicated a group-led process as opposed to taking the lead herself.
- Ben & Tyler (Imperium) had a good grasp of the project but showed less dedication than the other two candidates and were focused on community canvassing rather than creating the structures needed to form a solid organization.
- Heather Carrington (Carrington Community Development Services) impressed with her confidence, quickness with answers, understanding of our town and our goals, and experience working with the downtown organization in Winooski.

Motion by Tobin to vote to hire CCDS/Heather Carrington, seconded by Gary.
All in favor.

David will prepare the contract, and Shari will provide him with the necessary information about deliverables. Shari will email Heather to let her know our decision.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2022, 9 a.m. Shari will update on whether the meeting will be in-person or on Zoom as date approaches.

Minutes submitted by Sandy Scott, March 22, 2022.