

MINUTES REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
6:00 P.M. Thursday, April 21, 2022
MEMORIAL BUILDING
20 CHURCH ST. 3RD FLOOR AND VIA ZOOM

Select Board

Eric Remick, Chair
Ceilidh Galloway-Kane –*Absent*
Elizabeth Dow
Shari Cornish
Danny Hale

Others Present

Amanda Fecteau, Payroll Administrator
Tom Fadden, Road Foreman

Others Present

Lawrence Hamel

Regular Meeting

6:09 P.M. – Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

6:09 P.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda – We need to add an Item #4 to appoint Doug McClure as the alternate to the NEK Broadband, and an Item # 5 to appoint Kevin Moore Jr. to the OSUED board to fill the remaining term on a 3-year seat.

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to adjust the agenda as stated.

6:012 P.M. – Communication from the audience – None

6:13 P.M. – Select Board to approve minutes for the Regular Select Board meeting of April 7, 2022

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 7, 2022, as written.

6:13 P.M. – 6:16 P.M. Town Manager’s Report– Provided by David Upson

David was absent, so Eric read David’s report.

David gave an update on some of the tasks he has been working on, including working with the SE Group on the Pedestrian Bridge, the paving project that will start on May 2 and go through most of the summer, and the Town Manager’s office submitted a \$1-million Congressionally Directed Spending request for the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade. See attached report for details.

6:16 P.M. – 6:18 P.M. Road Foreman Report– Given by Tom Fadden

Tom mentioned that the weather has postponed grading. They are hoping to resume next week. They did work on Dimick Road, Montgomery Road, and Hardwick Farms Road.

There’s been flushing this week, and a few Sewer issues they’ve had to fix. There was also a water pump at the pump station on Putnam Ave that burnt up.

Hardwick Police Department Report – No report was given

Hardwick Electric Report – No report was given

6:19 P.M. Item #1 Select Board to consider approving a Letter of Support for the Craftsbury Community Care Center

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the letter of support for the Craftsbury Community Care Center application for a congressional appropriation from Senator Sanders.

6:19 P.M. – 6:22 P.M. Item #2 Select Board to consider approving amendments to the ATV ordinance specifically for access to the downtown via So. Main St.

The Select Board had already approved ATV's traveling downtown; however, the Select Board needed to upgrade the Town's ordinance. Please see the attachment for more details. The speed limit is 15mph.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to approve the updated ordinance to include access to the downtown via South Main Street. Danny abstained.

6:22 P.M. – 6:24 P.M. Item #3 Select Board to consider appointing Lawrence Hamel as the new Animal Control Officer

Larry is a resident of the Town and has interest in the proper care of all domestic animals. He is qualified and has the skills to work with people when issues arise.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Danny Hale, the Select Board voted to approve Lawrence Hamel to be the new Animal Control officer for the Town of Hardwick.

6:25 P.M. – 6:26 P.M. Item #4 Select Board to consider appointing Doug McClure as the alternate representative for the NEK Broadband

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to appoint Doug McClure to be the Town of Hardwick's alternate for the NEK Broadband board.

6:26 P.M. – 6:27 P.M. Item #5 Select Board to consider appointing Kevin Moore Jr. to the OSUESD Board for the currently vacant 3-year seat.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Danny Hale, the Select Board voted to appoint Kevin Moore Jr. to the OSUESD Board to fill the remaining term on the currently vacant 3-year seat.

Select Board Reports:

- Shari mentioned that the Town House is open and the first event is the Hardwick Historical Society’s annual meeting on May 23rd.
- The Downtown Commission project is coming along
- Shari attended the HED Commissioners meeting on Monday, April 18, and reported that Mike Sullivan told the group that the HED website is updated and up and running. Further, it sounds like the Mill Street Buffalo Mountain Market will be the location for two “Level 2” EV chargers. There are still many questions around the project and the demand fees that HED will likely charge. Mike Sullivan said in the meeting that the power source is closer to the Town Public Parking lot across Mill Street. Buffalo Mountain Market is planning on repaving of the market’s parking lot to accommodate the EV charging spaces. They are working with the developers from the statewide program. Shari will continue to try to follow any updates since the EV charging stations are important to have in downtown. HED is still planning to have one EV charging station in the HED parking lot.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

6:31 P.M. Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, adjourned the meeting.

Minutes taken by:

Amanda Fecteau, Payroll Administrator

Minutes approved by:

Eric Remick, Select Board Chair