

MINUTES SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING
4:00 P.M. Thursday, May 26, 2022
MEMORIAL BUILDING
20 CHURCH ST. 3RD FLOOR AND VIA ZOOM

Select Board

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

Others Present

David Upson, Jr. Town Manager
Casey Rowell, Business Manager

Others Present

Special Meeting

4:00 P.M. – Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Select Board Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

4:01 P.M. Set/adjust agenda – Add Item #3 Select Board to authorize Town Manager to sign for composting pod off Creamery Rd. hosted by Black Dirt Farm

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

Elizabeth joined the meeting.

4:02 P.M. Communications from the audience - none

4:02 P.M. – 4:16 P.M. Item #1 Select Board to review final draft of town of Hardwick ARPA application

Elizabeth brought up how much weight we would put on the timeline factor. What if someone cannot meet the deadline for spending. We do not have flexibility on the date, but we could look at funding part of a project that meets the spending period.

Shari mentioned that the application is confusing people in the community. Calling it an application. There was some discussion about what would make it less confusing. Elizabeth indicated that this is a way for community members to tell the Board about their project in detail.

Ceilidh suggested we do not call it an application. It was suggested ARPA Funds Project Request.

David shared that some people have reached out with some resistance to this idea and asking if the Town must complete a form for the Wastewater project.

Ceilidh indicated that the form is asking for information that we do not necessarily have. We have all the information about the Wastewater project. It helps us to make decisions about projects that we do not have all the information.

Shari commented that it is important that we have the documents all together so people can see all the requests that were submitted for transparency.

The deadline for submissions will remain June 30, 2022. It was suggested that we reach out to anyone who already came to one of the ARPA hearings. It was decided that Town projects will also need to fill the request form out, so that there is a request for all the spending.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to approve the revisions to the ARPA application, which includes calling it the "ARPA Funds Projects Request" instead of an application.

4:16 P.M. Item #2 Select Board to discuss the WWTF upgrade funding sources and make motion about spending ARPA funds on the project and capital fund commitment and authorize Town Manager to write letter about the Town's funding commitment to the project.

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to spend sewer capital of \$394,331 & \$500,000 of ARPA funds for the Wastewater Plant upgrade project.

4:20 P.M. – 4:23 P.M. Item #3 Select Board allow Town Manager to sign for composting pod off Creamery Rd. hosted by Black Dirt Farm

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Danny Hale, the Select Board voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement.

Users will pay a small subscription fee to compost at this location.

No Select Board Reports, Old Business, or New Business

4:24 P.M. Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Select Board Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting.

Minutes taken by: _____
Casey Rowell, Business Manager

Minutes approved by: _____
Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Select Board Vice Chair