

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

Select Board

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

Others Present

David Upson, Town Manager
Amanda Fecteau, Payroll Administrator
Tom Fadden, Road Foreman
Tonia Chase, Town Clerk
Tracy Martin, CDC

Others Present

Gary Nolan
Daniel Baumann
Dave Gross

Regular Meeting

6:00 P.M. – Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

6:00 P.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda – Item 1 Gary Nolan to report to the Select Board about the Davis Gravel Pit, moving all other items down a line, and adding item 7 to have the Select Board approve the By-law changes discussed earlier at the Public Hearing.

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

6:01 P.M. – Communication from the audience - *none*

6:02 P.M. Select Board to approve minutes for the Regular Select Board meeting of September 15, 2022 and the minutes for the Special Select Board meeting of September 28, 2022

Upon motion by Ceilidh Galloway Kane, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the Regular Select Board meeting of September 15, 2022, as written.

Upon motion by Ceilidh Galloway Kane, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the Special Select Board meeting of September 28, 2022, as written. Danny abstained.

6:03 P.M. – 6:14 P.M. Town Manager’s Report– Given by David Upson

David updated us on the wastewater project, specifically that the clean-out of Lagoon #2 is finished, and that the subcontractors have removed the ballast sand and liner and have begun work to install the new liner.

David updated on the Regional LVRT meetings with neighboring towns to discuss opting into a Scoping and Feasibility Study Grant through VTRANS. NVDA will apply for the grant. This requires a 20% match and would be split between the towns that decide to participate. This will be discussed further later in the meeting.

The SE Group is planning on having one more stakeholder meeting in late October, and in early November they will hold a series of public input to solicit public comments on two proposed bridge designs and design

characteristics of the park.

See attachments for full report.

6:15P.M. – 6:21 P.M. Road Foreman Report– Given by Tom Fadden

Tom reported that they have caught up on grading, completed a Water Main at the Depot, repaired a couple sewer lines, and the gravel crusher is here until the end of next week. They will be hauling gravel to various roads.

One truck is down and currently at Clark's. With the cost of parts increasing, the repair budget has already been used for this fiscal year between two trucks.

The crew will be cutting brush in the Village next week, paving a small section of Montgomery Road on October 18, and they will be preparing for Winter.

Edward & Kenny have been working on Meter Pit issues.

Shari said when the crew did the Water Main at the Depot, they had to dig up some areas. However, she stated that the crew did a great job putting everything back but wondered about the area where Tom poured new seed. Shari said there's an event at the Town House this weekend and wondered about parking. Tom stated that area will be soft, and David suggested having people park on Creamery Road and sectioning that area off.

6:21 P.M. – 6:44 P.M. Item #1 Gary Nolan to report to the Select Board about the Davis Gravel Pit.

The Town of Hardwick has been approached by Ken Davis about buying his Gravel Pit, which is 214 acres. There have been various discussions about this at previous Select Board meetings.

Gary Nolan, G.N. Consulting, reported that he has visited the Gravel Pit many times; however, on September 12, there were 14 test holes dug. Each test hole was between 12-15 feet deep except for one which was close to the Woodline. The test results were very positive.

There is already a permitted area that Ken estimates to be about 200,000 yards worth of material left, and Gary can concur. Gary's calculations are roughly \$168,000. He believes this area will last at least 13 years. The material is excellent.

Gary discussed other areas that could be drill & blasted, which would need to be done annually.

Gary stated that there are other parties that are interested in purchasing, but he would highly recommend the Town of Hardwick purchase it. There are other possibilities that the Town would be able to investigate when it comes to future possibilities. For example, there could be solar panels placed there, light industrial park, or even sugaring rental possibilities.

Ceilidh asked what the next step would be. David mentioned that the Town would need a Purchase & Sales Agreement drafted up; however, David is going to meet with Ken next week.

6:45 P.M. – 6:47 P.M. Item #2 Select Board to review and consider approval of a Tobacco & Liquor License for the new NU Beverage LLC

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the Second Class License for NU Beverage LLC, the Tobacco License for NU Beverage LLC, and the Tobacco Substitute Endorsement for NU Beverage LLC.

6:48 P.M. – 7:17 P.M. Item # 3 Tracy Martin to report to the Select Board on the Trail Head meeting held on October 6, 2022.

Tracy reported that today she, Elizabeth Dow, Shari Cornish, Eric Remick, members from VTrans, and others attended a meeting in Hardwick to discuss Trail heads, connectivity from East Hardwick to Hardwick, connectivity to Downtown Hardwick, as well as connectivity with neighboring towns, and other amenities.

There are two grants that Tracy is looking into that will help the Town of Hardwick with the Rail Trail. One is scoping, and the other is planning and construction. With the planning and construction grant, there is a 20% cash match that would be split between the neighboring towns that would like the partner together on this grant. This application is due November 1.

There was discussion about the NVDA helping with the grant process, and the Town needed to let them know by Friday October 7, 2022. However, the Select Board wished to see further information about the plan of this project.

There was also discussion about the maintenance of the trail. Tracy mentioned that in no way was the Town responsible for the maintenance of the trail; however, they would be responsible for the maintenance of the Trail Heads.

The Town will revisit this either at the Select Board retreat or at the next Select Board meeting when there's more information about the grant and how everyone will play a part into this project.

7:17 P.M. – 7:19 P.M. Item #4 Select Board to review & sign the agreement for the Wastewater Plant upgrade Bond.

Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Ceilidh Galloway Kane, the Select Board voted to approve the loan agreement for the Wastewater Plant upgrade Bond.

7:20 P.M. – 7:28 P.M. Item #5 Cannabis Control Commission (currently the Select Board) to continue to discuss the potential approval for cultivator's license for Daniel Baumann

Daniel explained that he has received approval from the state, and the Development Review Board, and all he is waiting on now is approval from the Select Board. He stated that he has an indoor cultivating facility in a very controlled environment. He plans to sell in state.

Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the cultivator's license for Daniel Baumann.

7:30 P.M. – 7:31 P.M. Item #6 Cannabis Control Commission (currently the Select Board) to consider approving a cultivator's license for Clean Cannabis

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Ceilidh Galloway Kane, the Select Board voted to approve the cultivator's license for Clean Cannabis.

7:10 P.M. – 7:20 P.M. Item #7 Select Board to consider approval of the changes to the Zoning Bylaws.

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the proposed changes as presented at the Public Hearing. This will take effect in 21 days.

Select Board Reports:

- Elizabeth reported that the Historical Society is closed for the season. If anyone needs information, they can make an appointment.
- Elizabeth thanked everyone for purchasing a Chicken Dinner. It was very successful.
- Ceilidh reported that the Equity Committee is looking into applying to be a part of the Ideal Program.
- Shari reported that there will also be a Black Fly Story Hour presented Friday, October 7 at 7 p.m.
- Shari reported that Saturday, the Recreation Committee will be presenting a movie. On October 22, they will also be showing another movie that is 17 years and older.
- Danny reported that Wright Farm Road will be completed in the Spring.

New Business: *none*

Old Business:

Reminder about the upcoming Select Board Retreat on October 12 at the Senior Citizen side of the Police Station from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. The agenda will be posted on Friday, October 7.

7:37 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