

**MINUTES REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M. Thursday, March 16, 2023**  
**MEMORIAL BUILDING**  
**20 CHURCH ST. 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR AND VIA ZOOM**

**Select Board**

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

**Others Present**

David Upson Jr., Town Manager  
Amanda Fecteau, Payroll Administrator  
Tonia Chase, Town Clerk

**Others Present**

Erin Rosenthal

**6:00 P.M.** – David Upson Jr., Town Manager, called the Regular Select Board meeting to order.

**6:01 P.M. Reorganization of the Select Board**

David asked for nominations for Chair.

*Upon nomination by Ceilidh Galloway Kane, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board elected Eric Remick as Chair.*

Eric Remick, Chair, took over the meeting at this point.

**6:01 P.M. Election of a Vice-Chair of the Select Board**

Eric asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

*Upon nomination by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board elected Ceilidh Galloway-Kane as Vice-Chair.*

**6:02 P.M. Approval of Minutes of Regular Board meeting of March 2, 2023, the Public Hearing of March 2, 2023, and the Special Select Board meeting of March 13, 2023**

*Upon motion by Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, seconded by Danny Hale, the Select Board voted to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 2, 2023 and the Public Hearing minutes of March 2, 2023, as written.*

*Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the Special Select Board meeting of March 13, 2023 with the exception of having a chair sign off on the minutes as there wasn't an official chair of the Select Board until tonight; March 16, 2023.*

**6:05 P.M. Set/Adjust Agenda-** Select Board to remove item 8; approval of the Highway Department collective bargaining unit, and replacing it with Select Board to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Carrington Community Development Services for the bylaw modernization grant project, not to exceed \$20,300. The Select Board also wanted to add an executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 to include Town Manager to discuss the Special Select Board meeting from March 13, 2023.

**6:07 P.M. Communication from the Audience-** None

**6:07 P.M. – 6:15 P.M. Item # 1 Town Appointments**

The Board reviewed the list.

*Upon motion by Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to appoint the following people for one-year positions.*

- David Upson, Jr., Civil Defense/Emergency Management Coordinator
- Bill Chidsey, Town Energy Coordinator
- Shari Cornish, CVSWMMD Representative
- Lawrence Hamel, Town Service Officer
- Elizabeth Dow, as Agent to Convey Real Estate
- Shari Cornish, as Board Representative to Sign Warrants
- Shari Cornish as, NEKArt's Board Representative
- Paul Fixx, as NEK Communication Union District Representative
- Eric Remick, as Hardwick Trails Committee Rep.
- Elizabeth Dow, Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Committee Rep.
- David Upson, as Town Safety Officer
- Maya McCoy, Town Website Coordinator
- Danny Hale, Town Representative for NVDA
- Danny Hale, Hardwick/Woodbury Rail Trail
- Eric Remick, Town Health Officer
- David Upson, Jr., Deputy Health Officer
- Shari Cornish, Town Representative for Downtown Partnership
- Tracy Martin, David Upson Jr, Town Staff Representatives on Downtown Partnership Board
- Ceilidh Galloway Kane, Town representative for the Equity Committee

Eric read the resolution for the annual appointment to the NEK Broadband governing board. See attachment for more information.

*Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted the resolution for Paul Fixx to be the representative on the NEK Broadband governing board.*

- Erin Rosenthal, Conservation Commission:

The Select Board was ahead of schedule, and David knew Erin Rosenthal wanted to attend the meeting. The Select Board was able to complete items two through four before coming back to have Erin introduce herself.

Erin stated she was a resident of Hardwick and has been communicating with other Conservation board members, and she's really interested in the projects that are happening. She would like to learn more about the inventory, and to continue to work with the Hardwick residents.

*Upon motion by Ceilidh Galloway- Kane, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted the appointment of Erin Rosenthal to the Conservation Commission.*

**6:15 P.M. Item # 2 Establish Select Board Calendar**

See attachment for the Select Board schedule

*Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the Select Board schedule as presented.*

**6:17 P.M. Item # 3 Select Board to consider approval of various liquor licenses.**

*Upon motion by Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the following liquor licenses:*

**First Class license for:**

*Hardwick House of Pizza (Hardwick)*

**Second Class Licenses for:**

*Tops Market, LLC*

*Bufalo Mountain Co-op, Inc.*

*Keg of Glory, LLC d/b/a Birdsong Beer & Wine*

**6:18 P.M. Item # 4 Select Board to consider approval of the Town of Hardwick Budget Vote Resolution**

The motion at Town Meeting to approve the budget was accidentally omitted, meaning the Select Board needed to do a resolution. Information about 17 V.S.A. § 2662 is located in the attachments.

*Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the Town of Hardwick's Budget vote resolution.*

**6:25 P.M. Item # 5 Select Board to consider approving a banner application for Circus Smirkus banner to be hung on Wolcott Street June 24 to July 1 and August 11 to August 19**

*Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Danny Hale, the Select Board voted to approve the banner application for Cirkus Smirkus.*

**6:26 P.M. Item #6 Select Board to consider approval of a water and sewer connection for the Jeudevine Library expansion project**

*Upon motion by Ceilidh Galloway Kane, seconded by Danny Hale, the Select Board voted to approve the water and waste water connection for the Jeudevine Library expansion project, waive the normal fee, and authorize the Town Manager to sign the appropriate documents.*

**6:29 P.M. Item #7 Select Board to certify the Annual Financial Plan for VT AOT for Highway State Aid**

The income is estimated at \$1,714,485.61 and the expenses are estimated to be \$1,565,232.00. See report for more details.

*Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the annual financial plan for VT AOT for Highway State Aid.*

**Select Board to consider approval of 3-year IBEW contract for the Highway Department collective bargaining unit.** - This item was tabled until the next Select Board meeting.

**6:31 P.M. Item #8** Select Board to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Carrington Community Development Services for the bylaw modernization grant project, not to exceed \$20,300.

*Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Danny Hale, the Select Board voted to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Carrington Community Development Services for the bylaw modernization grant project; not to exceed \$20,300.*

**Select Board Reports:**

- Shari reported that the Town House is having a film on March 31, 2023. The screening is called The Farm Boy; written and directed by George Woodard. It's free admission, and starts at 6:30 P.M. Please check out <https://hardwicktownhouse.org/events-at-the-town-house/> for the Town House calendar for 2023.
- Shari reported that on March 22, 2023 she and Tracy Martin will be attending the Downtown Advocacy Day at the State House to represent Hardwick.
- Ceilidh reported that the Equity committee will be having an event at Buffalo Mountain Co-op Saturday March 18, 2023 at 2 P.M. about equity and food.
- Eric reported that the Yellow Barn is proceeding. The contract will be signed soon, and the plan is to break ground in May 2023.

**New Business/ Old Business:**

- Ceilidh asked that the Select Board discuss at the following items at the next Select Board meeting; the next steps to the Gravel Pit, and appointing members to the new committee who will discuss ways to make Town Meeting more accessible. David also mentioned that he received drawings from Lamoille Valley Ford regarding the parking and EV chargers. This will also be on the next agenda.
- The Board discussed the status of Cemeteries. The committee is meeting next week; however, the next step is to have the Town Manager hire a sexton.
- Tonia reported that dog licenses are due by April 3, 2023. In order to register, you need a current rabies certificate. The cost is \$9 up to April 3. After April 3, the price will increase.
- Shari reported that the survey for the park concept is still on the Town's website. The survey is open through the end of the day March 19, 2023. Please give feedback.

**6:46 P.M.** *Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Board voted to enter an Executive Session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 to include Town Manager*

**7:15 P.M.** Exited Executive Session. No action taken.

**7:15 P.M. - Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, adjourned the meeting.**

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Remick, Chair of the Select Board

Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amanda Fecteau, Payroll Administrator