

**MINUTES REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING  
6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023  
MEMORIAL BUILDING  
20 CHURCH ST. 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR AND VIA ZOOM**

**Select Board**

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

**Others Present**

Tonia Chase, Clerk/Treasurer  
Mary Hall, Hardwick Rescue  
Tim Nisbett, Hardwick Rescue

**Others Present**

**Regular Meeting**

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

**6:00 P.M.** – Set/Adjust Agenda – *none*

**6:00 P.M. – 6:10 P.M.** Communication from the audience

Tim & Mary from Hardwick Rescue were present tonight with a proposition. They would like to discuss exchanging their current building for the land between Greg’s house and the outbuilding for a new building for Hardwick Rescue to be built there. Shari suggested setting up a separate meeting between November 20 and Christmas to discuss.

**6:10 P.M. – 6:12 P.M.** Select Board to approve the minutes of the Regular Select Board meeting of October 19, 2023, the amended minutes of October 5, 2023

*Upon motion by Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Select Board meeting of October 19, 2023, as written.*

*Upon motion by Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, seconded by Elizabeth Dow, the Select Board voted to approve the amended minutes of the regular Select Board meeting of October 5, 2023.*

No Road Foreman Report this evening.

**6:12 P.M. – 6:13 P.M.** Item #1 Town Clerk to present a tobacco/liquor license renewal for NU Beverage, LLC d/b/a M&M Beverage- *Action needed*

*Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to approve the tobacco/liquor license renewal for NU Beverage, LLC d/b/a M&M Beverage.*

**6:13 P.M. – 6:16 P.M.** Item #2 Select Board to discuss the MTAP Grant for climate change mitigation and resilience. This grant effort would include the relocation of the Fire Station.

Eric said this grant would look at the feasibility of relocating the fire station out of the floodway and up to Creamery Road, combined with replacing the town highway garage.

Not much is known at the moment, but Eric thinks there is around \$7,000 available. The funds are for a Step I feasibility study about moving the fire department.

*Upon motion by Elizabeth Dow, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to pursue this feasibility grant.*

**6:16 P.M. – 6:27 P.M.** Item #3 Select Board to discuss a Transportation Alternative grant application for Mill Street and Main Street- *Potential action needed*

Eric reviewed a memo from Tracy Martin, Community Development Coordinator, discussing the pedestrian and bicycle access and traffic flow on Mill Street.

Ceilidh questioned if this was for physical work. Shari indicated it is just for the feasibility study.

The Select Board generally agreed it is a good idea to pursue but they would like to know where the match will come from first and would like Casey to let them know how much is available for grant matches at the next regular meeting.

**Select Board Reports:**

Ceilidh shared that the Equity Committee, in partnership with the Northeast Kingdom Rainbow Coalition, is having an event on November 10 at the Memorial Building from 6:00 – 7:30 to watch a short film about pronouns.

Shari reported that the Town House is closed for the season. She also gave an update on the Town House project, including that the bid documents are almost ready and the project should go out to bid around mid-November. Construction would start in the Spring.

Eric gave an update on the Yellow Barn project. They are working closely with Hardwick Electric to upgrade HED’s circuit to accommodate the power needs of the project. He also mentioned that the library has resumed construction.

Ceilidh inquired if anyone knew who is responsible for building removal costs if the town takes possession of properties that get FEMA buyouts. Does the Town need to budget for that, or will we get reimbursed for those expenses? Eric said he assumes David would know the answer. We can bring it up at the next regular meeting.

**No New or Old Business**

**6:28 P.M.** Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, adjourned the meeting.

Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tonia Chase, Clerk/Treasurer

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