

**MINUTES REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING  
6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024  
MEMORIAL BUILDING  
20 CHURCH ST. 3RD FLOOR AND VIA ZOOM**

**Select Board**

Eric Remick, Chair  
Ceilidh Galloway-Kane  
Shari Cornish  
Tim Ricciardello  
Danny Hale

**Others Present**

David Upson Jr., Town Manager  
Amanda Fecteau, Payroll Administrator  
Mike Henry, Police Chief  
Alberta Miller, Assistant Town Clerk- *Zoom*

**Others Present**

Todd Lindenstruth  
Macy Molleur

**Regular Meeting**

**6:02 P.M.** – Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

**6:02 P.M.** – Set/Adjust Agenda- None

**6:02 P.M.** Communication from the audience- Macy Molleur introduced herself to the Select Board as the new Executive Director for HCTV.

**6:03 P.M.** – Select Board to approve the minutes of the Regular Select Board meeting of September 19, 2024, and the Special Select Board minutes of September 27, 2024

*Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Tim Ricciardello, the Select Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Select Board meeting of September 19, and the Special Select Board meeting minutes of September 27, as written.*

**6:03 P.M. – 6:12 P.M.** Town Manager Report – Given by David Upson

David reported that he and Casey Rowell have been working closely with the Bond Bank on a \$1.7 million dollar project. The Wastewater Treatment facility and the lift stations, which helps run to facility, flooded in both the July 2023 and July 2024 flood. The lift stations are not on the same property as the treatment facility, so the Town would like to make it into two different projects. The lift stations will be considered a smaller project, and the \$1.7 million will raise them and replace some of the equipment. The Treatment facility itself will take some time to develop and decide what the best plan will be. The Town is hoping that FEMA will cover the cost of most, if not all of the project. The Town is still in the beginning stages of the project. Eric asked if the project needed to be voted on by the public. David stated that he doesn't know right now. It will depend on the structure of the loan and how much FEMA will reimburse. If FEMA reimburses all of it, then no. Aldrich & Elliot (A&E) are the Town engineers that are working with the Town on the Wastewater Treatment Facility project, including the lift stations. A&E will be coming to the next Select Board meeting to provide a report of recommendations. After A&E presents a plan to move forward, then FEMA will provide a cost analysis of what will be specifically covered.

Today, David, and Kristen, the Town's Floodplain Administrator, met with ten potential bidders for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program-riverbank armoring project. This project will armor two properties along Route 15.

David reported that since the July 2024 flood, the Town has had twelve properties submitted to either be bought out or to be armored in order to protect their property from eroding away some more. The replacement of Riverside Bridge was recently completed, and the homeowner is now able to use that access again. Additionally, Kristen is working on a timeline of overall projects and milestones on what the Town has accomplished or need to do for flood recovery. This timeline will be posted on the Town's website.

The Town, along with A&E will be going door to door next week for the Lead Service Inventory Project. The Town needs to gather the information about the type of pipe on each connection.

Lastly, the Town has had six dog bites reported to the Town Manager's office in the last two weeks. David would like to announce that all dogs must be licensed with the Town Clerk's office. Out of the six bites, only two of them were licensed. When dogs are licensed, it assures the victim that the dog is up to date with their vaccines and prevents additional questioning or concern.

**6:12 P.M. – 6:14 P.M.** Road Foreman Report – Given by David Upson

David reported that the crusher is at the gravel pit and the Town is starting to get various materials for the future. David also reported that the crew has been busy hauling and preparing for winter.

Eric suggested that in the future the Town warn a meeting so that the board, and anyone from the public can take a tour of the gravel pit.

**6:14 P.M. – 6:24 P.M.** Hardwick Police Department Report – Given by Mike Henry

Mike reported that the department used to have body cameras where the storage was in house. The company and the program changed so not only did the department have to get new cameras, but the storage is now cloud based. There was a grant that paid for five years of storage. Mike went ahead and got the new cameras, but the department has had nothing but issues with them. Mike has reached out to the company several times to get them running. Mike is looking at other cameras, but the company is eager to continue to work the Town.

Mike reported that the department has been working closely with the drug task force to try and control the drug activity in town. They made several arrests last week. Two arrests included state and federal charges.

Lastly, Mike reported that he has had complaints, and multiple crashes at the Post Office intersection. The Select Board talked about placing a mirror on the opposite side so drivers could see oncoming traffic or making it a right turn only. The Transportation Alternatives Grant that has been awarded to the Town will be developing a full scoping study of the area including Mill Street and South Main Street up to the Civic Standard. We can direct that this intersection gets a full review.

**6:25 P.M. – 6:27 P.M.** Item #1 – Select Board to review and approve First Class Liquor License for Front Seat

Coffee -Action needed.

This is a new application and the Town Clerk's has received everything. Front seat Coffee will serve mimosas and host events with beer and wine. They are trying to expand.

*Upon motion by Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, seconded by Danny Hale, the Select Board voted to approve the First-Class Liquor License for Front Seat Coffee.*

**6:27 P.M. – 6:27 P.M.** Item #2 – Select Board to consider approving a Manufacturers Tier 3 cannabis license renewal for Tillia Processing LLC– Action needed.

This license is a renewal, and there have not been any issues.

*Upon motion by Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, seconded by Tim Ricciardello, the Select Board voted to approve the cannabis renewal license for Tillia Processing LLC.*

**Item #3** – Select Board to hear a presentation provided by the Small Business Administration (SBA) about flood recovery options.

The SBA representatives did not show up. Eric however mentioned that SBA recovery is still open, and if you would like more information to please contact the Town Manager's office.

**6:28 P.M. – 6:38 P.M.** Item #4 –Follow up discussion on the LVRT connector loop recommendations and So. Main Street bike lane discussed at the last meeting – Action needed.

Amanda reached out to a local company for quotes on a bike/walking lane for South Main Street. One quote included white hash marks which would cost \$5,925.00. The other quote included a green bike lane and a white walking lane, which would be wide enough for multiple users. This quote cost \$45,710.00. David mentioned getting barriers to place along South Main Street instead of a specific painted path. The Select Board talked about wanting a quote for a white lane with hashmarks and having it as wide, if not a little wider, than a sidewalk. The Town is hoping to have a solution by next Spring before Memorial Day.

**Select Board Reports:** None

**New Business:** There's a virtual cannabis training on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am, and Danny asked about a Select Board member attending it. Tim was going to check his schedule and sign up if he could.

Ceilidh announced there was a lot happening in Hardwick this weekend such as the Craft Fair, Pumpkin Walk, CAE's 20-year open house, Kiwanis Lawn Sale, and more!

Danny asked about the Yellow Barn Accelerator doors and why there's plywood against them. Eric mentioned the doors along with office lights are on back order.

**Old Business:** Shari asked about the LVRT Trail Head kiosks and David stated that Tracy waiting for the contractor to respond to the information she sent him.

**6:47 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