

MINUTES SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING
8:30 A.M. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025
MEMORIAL BUILDING
20 CHURCH ST. MEMORIAL ROOM AND VIA ZOOM

Select Board

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

Others Present

David Upson, Town Manager
Casey Rowell, Business Manager

Special Meeting

8:31 A.M. – Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

8:31 A.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda - *none*

8:32 A.M. – Communication from the audience - *none*

8:32 A.M. – 8:35 A.M. Item #1 Select Board to review and consider executing loan documents for Hardwick Electric Dept. (HED)

Eric provided some background about the need for the loan. HED experienced significant damage from the 2023 flooding at the Wolcott Hydro dam. The Vermont Bond Bank, through a special fund, offered a favorable rate for a short term note to cover the expenses for the repairs while they await FEMA reimbursement. Unfortunately, they had more damage in 2024. Today's request is to essentially extend the existing note in anticipation of FEMA reimbursement they have not received yet. Over the past year, they have been making payments on this loan and those have been split with their insurer, VT League of Cities & Towns. Our town council has reviewed the documents.

Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Shari Cornish, the Select Board voted to execute the loan documents and adopt the resolution.

Select Board Reports – Danny asked about a section of the snowmobile trail that would allow access to the village via Richardson Rd. down into the village. Danny wanted to mention this to the Select Board to make sure that they did not have any issues with Danny and some other club members trying to coordinate this with landowners. The general consensus was that it would be fine to pursue this. David said that giving people access to the Village is good for the economy. We have an existing snowmobile ordinance, and he did not think that this would affect that ordinance.

Old Business: *none*

New Business: *none*

8:41 A.M. Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, adjourned the meeting.

Minutes taken by: _____
Casey Rowell, Business Manager

Minutes approved by: _____
Eric Remick, Select Board Chair