

**MINUTES SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY JANUARY 30, 2025
MEMORIAL BUILDING
20 CHURCH ST. 2ND FLOOR 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
Amanda Fecteau, Payroll Administrator

Special Meeting

9:33 A.M. – Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

9:33 A.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda – Add an executive session before item 1; pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 to discuss a legal matter, to include Town Manager and Payroll Administrator.

Add an item #2 for the Select Board to discuss the Creamery Road Town infrastructure project.

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

9:34 A.M. Communication from the audience – none

9:35 A.M. *Upon motion by Danny Hale, seconded by Tim Ricciardello, the Select Board voted to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 to discuss a legal matter to include Town Manager and Payroll Administrator.*

10:00 A.M. - Exited Executive Session. No action was taken.

10:00 A.M. – Item #1 Select Board to authorize the Town Manager to sign an engagement letter for MSK Attorneys.

Upon motion by Tim Ricciardello, seconded by Danny Hale, the Select Board to authorize the Town Manager to sign an engagement letter with Liam Murphy with MSK Attorneys.

10:01 A.M. – Item #2 Select Board to discuss the Creamery Road Town infrastructure project.

The Town of Hardwick had a meeting on January 29 with the architects about the Creamery Road infrastructure project. David showed the Select Board two different proposals that the architects provided. This project would potentially fit the Highway Garage, Fire Station, and the Hardwick Rescue. Eric explained that the Town is running up against VTRANS and their right of way.

In one proposal, the drawing showed 5,000 square feet of sand being placed on the property. The Town

Highway usually holds about 7,500 square feet. Danny mentioned that the Town doesn't need the entire sand pile located on the Creamery Road property, and this was also agreed on by other Select Board members.

Danny also proposed to dig into the bank that is behind the buildings and move the buildings back. However, David stated that the cost of holding the bank back would drive the cost up, but additionally, this proposal changes the cost of the storm water and the way the buildings would be built.

Danny mentioned utilizing another location to store most of the Town's equipment. He will look further into this.

Another idea that Danny mentioned was to move the road around the back of the buildings and push the buildings up against the VTRANS right of way. The Town would still need to abide by the setback rules, and the Town is unsure that VTRANS would approve of this.

Eric would like to verify that the proposal that the architect gave has the square footage that the Town wants. There are many options that the Town is considering but the architect must follow a specific scope of work. Eric will continue to give updates in the future.

Select Board Reports- None

New Business- None

Old Business- None

10:26 A.M. Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, adjourned the meeting.

Minutes approved by: _____
Eric Remick, Select Board Chair

Minutes taken by: _____
Amanda Fecteau, Payroll Administrator