

**MINUTES SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING
4:00 P.M. TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026
MEMORIAL BUILDING
20 CHURCH ST. 3RD FLOOR AND VIA ZOOM**

Select Board

Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Chair - Zoom
Shari Cornish, Vice Chair
Tim Ricciardello
Larry Fliegelman
Derek Richardson

Others Present

David Upson, Town Manager
Tonia Chase, Clerk/Treasurer
David Shea

Special Meeting

4:00 P.M. – Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Select Board Chair called the meeting to order.

4:00 P.M. – Set/Adjust Agenda - none

4:00 P.M. – Communication from the audience - none

4:00 P.M. – 4:10 P.M. Item #1 Select Board to rescind the motion made on July 16, 2026 regarding awarding the contract for Complete Demolition Services LLC and authorize the Town Manager to reissue the RFP for the East Hardwick demolition project - *Action needed*

David explained that following the bid award, several contractors questioned the bid tabulation, specifically the assumptions regarding the disposal of vermiculite insulation identified in the asbestos report. He stated that he supported Kristen's bid evaluation and her interpretation of the disposal requirements but presented the matter to the Selectboard because staff had discussed the possibility of rebidding the project to ensure all bidders were working from the same assumptions. He noted that the Selectboard had already authorized execution of a contract with Total Demolition and requested direction before taking further action.

Board members discussed the original bid documents and noted that the vermiculite insulation requiring asbestos abatement and specialized disposal was clearly identified in the bid specifications. It was also noted that two bidders had included the required disposal costs in their proposals. The Board questioned the need to rebid if the specifications had been clear.

Upon motion by Shari Cornish, seconded by Tim Ricciardello, the Select Board voted to not rescind the motion made on July 16, 2026.

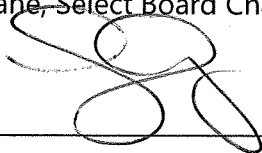
Select Board Reports: None

New Business: Tonia informed the Board that she is currently working on the tax rate and requested that a brief Special Meeting be scheduled to set the tax rate and consider allowing individuals running for Justice of the Peace in the November election to appear on the General Election ballot. A Special Select Board meeting was scheduled for July 23, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Old Business: None

4:12 P.M. Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Select Board Chair, adjourned the meeting.

Minutes taken by:



Tonia Chase, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved by:



Shari Cornish, Select Board Vice Chair