

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT

SELECT BOARD

Select Board
Martin Memorial Hall
5259 Route 5, Ascutney VT
Tuesday, June 27, 2023
6:45 PM
SPECIAL MEETING
Draft Minutes

Select Board Members Present: Michael Todd, David Fuller, Paul Tillman, Kelly O'Brien, Wendy Smith

Select Board Members Absent:

Brandon Gulnick, Town Manager

Others Present:

Olivia Savage		
Flo-Ann Dango		

1 Call to Order

Mr. Todd called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Todd led the pledge of allegiance.

3 Comments from SB, TM, and Citizens on Topics not on the Agenda

The Select Board discussed technical issues at town meetings, particularly in regards to the recent ZBA meeting and agreed that if there is going the option to join online, the technical issues need to be resolved or it needs to not advertised that it can be attended remotely at all.

The Select Board discussed the structure of having two Chairs of two Boards running a dual meeting and if that it might be worthwhile to have a separate entity facilitate such a meeting.

4 Vote to authorize the Chair to Sign the Fire Department Contract

Over the past year, there have been various meetings to refine the Fire Department Contract. When the Town executed the contract, it was known that it would take some time to transition all Fire Department expenses to the

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Town. Overall, moving the finance to the Town went well, with the exception of a few procedural and policy issues that need resolution.

The Town has added language to the new contract to include changes that happened during the existing contract. This includes the addition of the Non-Transport License “Rescue Squad” the Select Board approved on 3/21/22, and Section 3.5, which includes Annual Budget Best Practices. Other language was added under training, training stipends and incentives, quarterly report schedule, strategic planning, dry hydrants, state & local statutes, codes, ordinances, and policies, burn permits, budget meetings, approved vendors, and hazmat funding.

The Select Board and the Town Manager discussed each of the proposed changes and how both Fire Departments had already signed off on the contract. The Select Board stated that an amendment can be made if something in the contract needs to be changed in the future.

Motion: To authorize the Chair to sign the Fire Department Contract.

Made by: Mr. Tillman

Second: Ms. Smith

Vote: All in favor

5 **Authorize the Chair to sign the 6/30/23 warrant**

It was proposed to cancel the July 3rd meeting after receiving notification that people will be out of Town, including SAPA, because the 4th of July is the following day. The Town does need to have the final warrant approved that includes the rest of the expenses for FY23 at June 30th.

The Town Manager spoke with the Treasurer and Accountant, and the Town can have the warrant completed on Thursday, June 29th. The Town Manager can send this warrant to the Select Board on Thursday for review, and as long as no Select Board members have any objection, the Chair can come into the office and sign the warrant.

Motion: To authorize the Chair to sign the 6/30/23 warrant.

Made by: Mr. Fuller

Second: Ms. O’Brien

Vote: All in favor

6 **Any Other Business**

Motion: For the Town Office to close at 3pm on Monday, July 3rd.

Made by: Mr. Tillman

Second: Ms. Smith

Vote: All in favor

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7 Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn.

Made by: Mr. Fuller

Second: Ms. Smith

Vote: All in favor

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nichole Gagnon

WEATHERSFIELD SELECTBOARD

Michael Todd, Chairperson

Wendy Smith, Selector

Kelly O'Brien, Clerk

Paul Tillman, Vice-Chairperson

David Fuller, Selector