

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD

**Select Board Agenda
Martin Memorial Hall
5259 US Route 5
Wednesday December 18th, 2019
SPECIAL MEETING – 6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Review
3. Non-profit Request: Vermont Adult Learning
4. Comments from Select Board and Town Manager
5. Comments from Citizens on Topics not on Agenda
6. Budget Update
 - a. Admin Budget
 - b. Police Budget
 - c. Fire Department
 - i. WWVFD Notification Letter
 - ii. Petitions related to fire discussion
 - iii. 2020-2021 Budget Discussion
7. Adjourn

West Weathersfield Vol. Fire Department

Po Box 196
Perkinsville, VT 05151

To: Weathersfield Select Board & Weathersfield Town Manager

This letter is written notice that's being followed by section 9.2 from the Fire Protection Agreement that was entered into official approval on November 20, 2017 between West Weathersfield Vol. Fire Department and the Town of Weathersfield.

Section 9.2 states that any party may terminate this Agreement, provided written notice of termination is given at least six months prior to such termination date.

The department would like to re-state that our preference is the select board follow through on forming a municipal fire department that was voted on. If this does not take place our members would like to work with the Town to draft a new fire agreement that better serves the needs for the department and town.

Our membership voted to make this letter be our formal notification that we do not wish to re-enter into the current Fire Protection Agreement.

Sincerely,

Chief Josh Dauphin

December 11, 2019

Lisa Slade
PO Box 77
Ascutney, VT 05030

November 18, 2019

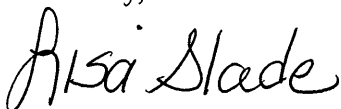
Weathersfield Select Board
PO Box 550
Ascutney, VT 05030

Select Board Members,

As you all know as well as anyone, many residents do not attend Select Board meetings (or Town meetings) in person for one reason or another. What I have learned is, many residents watch the meetings on SAPA and/or read minutes on the Towns website in order to stay informed. Since there is not a lot of public participation at meetings, I decided I would put some of my thoughts in a petition format. Many residents agree with me that it is time for the Select Board to stop the discussion on the motion that was made by the previous Select Board just over a year ago to form a municipal fire department. This would help allow the Board of Selectmen to turn their attention to other town business that needs and deserves the attention of our elected officials.

In the past, during public meetings, I have personally asked the Select Board to rescind the motion that was made to form a municipal fire department. A few meetings ago, Board member Dave Fuller made a motion to do this. Unfortunately, (in my opinion) the motion Mr. Fuller made failed. Mr. Fuller's motion showed the current Select Board is divided on forming a municipal fire department. The attached petition consists of approximately one hundred signatures and it asks that the Select Board rescind the motion to form a municipal fire department that was made on November 5, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Slade". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lisa Slade

Based on the signatures of Registered Voters (below) within the Town of Weathersfield VT, we are hereby asking that the Selectboard of Weathersfield VT rescind the following motion made on November 5, 2018:

Motion: To enact the board's statutory authority pursuant to 24 VSA §1951 to create a municipal fire department.

Made by: Mr. Boyer Second: Mr. Arrison Roll Call Vote: N. John Arrison - Aye Daniel Boyer - Aye C. Peter Cole - Aye Tom Leach (by telephone) - Aye Kelly Murphy - Aye

As a result of the above motion, an article was added to the Warning for the March 2018 Town Meeting. Article 9 read: Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield approve the expenditure of \$265,070 for the support and operation of a new municipal fire department? \$245,070 shall be raise by property taxation, allowing the Selectboard to set the appropriate tax rate. Article 9 failed.

Even after Article 9 failed in March, discussion continues during Selectboard meetings. It appears by attending, listening to and/or reading Selectboard minutes over the past year no forward progress has been made to form a Municipal Department. The undersigned feel it is time to stop the discussion on the motion that was made (referenced in paragraph 2 above) which will allow the Selectboard to turn their attention to other town business that needs and deserves the attention of our elected officials.

It is our request that a motion is made to rescind the motion (referenced in paragraph 2 above) and this motion be voted in the affirmative by the majority of the current Board of Selectman.

PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	PHYSICAL ADDRESS
DARRIN SPaulding	Darrin Spaulding	146 Dan Jarvis Rd
Tom Gurney	Tom Gurney	743 Mountain View Rd
Joey Jarvis	Joey Jarvis	88 Freedom Dr.
JUSTY HODGSON	Justy Hodgson	4792 Rte 5 Ascutney, VT
Diane Hodgson	Diane Hodgson	4792 Rte 5 Ascutney VT
Mary Lavanway	Mary Lavanway	249 VT Route 12 Ascutney, VT
Derek Gurney	Derek A. Gurney	743 Mountain View Rd
Betsy Bliven	Betsy Bliven	79 Sunset Blvd Ascutney
Noel A Alden	Noel A Alden	79 Sunset Blvd Ascutney
Harry B. Bliven	Harry Bliven	79 Sunset Blvd Ascutney
Nancy Spaulding	Nancy Spaulding	91 Thrasher Rd Windsor VT
Michelle Wright	Michelle Wright	155 Thrasher Rd Windsor VT
ROONEY SPAULDING	Rocky K Spaulding	91 Thrasher Rd Windsor VT
JEFF Sargent	Jeff Sargent	327 Wheeler Camp Rd
CAROL BURTT	Carol B. Burtt	477 Mt View Rd Weathersfield
Kenneth W. Burtt	Kenneth W. Burtt	477 Mt View Rd Weathersfield
Tina Davidson	Tina Davidson	277 Thrasher Rd. Weathersfield
James M. McDermont	James McDermont	821 Thrasher Rd Windsor, VT
Cheryl McDermont	Cheryl McDermont	821 Thrasher Rd Windsor, VT
Mark Girard	Mark Girard	167 Thrasher Rd Windsor, VT
Paul McDermont	Paul McDermont	56 Sunset Blvd. Ascutney, VT
Dennis White	Dennis White	1247 Thrasher Rd, Ascutney, VT
Theresa White	Theresa White	1247 Thrasher Rd Ascutney, VT
Herbert Steele	Herbert Steele	206 Dan Jarvis Rd
Patricia Steele	Patricia Steele	206 Dan Jarvis Rd Ascutney, VT
Margaret Solon	Margaret Solon	214 Victory Drive, Ascutney, VT
Edward Solon	Edward Solon	214 Victory Dr., Ascutney, VT
James Jasinski	James Jasinski	144 Dan Jarvis Rd.
Michelle Jasinski	Michelle Jasinski	144 Dan Jarvis Rd.

Based on the signatures of Registered Voters (below) within the Town of Weathersfield VT, we are hereby asking that the Selectboard of Weathersfield VT rescind the following motion made on November 5, 2018:

Motion: To enact the board's statutory authority pursuant to 24 VSA §1951 to create a municipal fire department.
Made by: Mr. Boyer Second: Mr. Arrison Roll Call Vote: N. John Arrison - Aye Daniel Boyer - Aye C. Peter Cole - Aye Tom Leach (by telephone) - Aye Kelly Murphy - Aye

As a result of the above motion, an article was added to the Warning for the March 2018 Town Meeting. Article 9 read: Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield approve the expenditure of \$265,070 for the support and operation of a new municipal fire department? \$245,070 shall be raise by property taxation, allowing the Selectboard to set the appropriate tax rate. Article 9 failed.

Even after Article 9 failed in March, discussion continues during Selectboard meetings. It appears by attending, listening to and/or reading Selectboard minutes over the past year no forward progress has been made to form a Municipal Department. The undersigned feel it is time to stop the discussion on the motion that was made (referenced in paragraph 2 above) which will allow the Selectboard to turn their attention to other town business that needs and deserves the attention of our elected officials.

It is our request that a motion is made to rescind the motion (referenced in paragraph 2 above) and this motion be voted in the affirmative by the majority of the current Board of Selectman.

PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	PHYSICAL ADDRESS
Donna Builder	Donna Builder	35 Blue Sky Ave
Michael Builder	Michael Builder	35 Blue Sky Ave
William Smith	William Smith	511 Thrasher RD
Wendy Smith	Wendy Smith	629 Rte 131
Joshua Savage	Joshua Savage	629 Rte 131
Nelsa Savage	Nelsa Savage	629 Rte 131
Beverly Savage	Beverly Savage	78 Cooker Pond Rd
Matthew Whitney	Matthew Whitney	1 Standard Circle
Boland Whitney	Boland Whitney	1 Standard Circle
SMITH, PHYLLIS	Phyllis Smith	17 Water Ave.
Reigh Vurer	Reigh Vurer	18 Water Ave.
Rita L. Collins	Rita L. Collins	16 Water Ave.
Steve Smith	Steve Smith	RT 5 6078
Mike Flynn	Mike Flynn	81 HILLTOP BLVD
Robert Flynn	Robert Flynn	82 HILLTOP BLVD
Barbara Flynn	Barbara Flynn	80 Hilltop Blvd
Jeff Hale	JEFF HALE	77 HILLTOP BLVD
Terry Johnson	Terry Johnson	511 Thrasher
GARY BROTHERS	Gary Brothers	22 GREENLEAF AVE
Wendy Brothers	Wendy Brothers	22 Greenleaf Ave
HERBERT GARY	Herbert Gary	25 GREENLEAF AVE
Michael Chase	Michael Chase	24 Greenleaf Ave
Linda Chase	Linda Chase	24 Greenleaf Ave
CAROL MORTON	Carol Morton	20 Greenleaf Ave
Olivia Swage	Olivia Swage	629 Rte 131
Larry Furman	Larry Furman	6063 Rte S South

[illegible]

Motion: To enact the board's statutory authority pursuant to 24 VSA §1951 to create a municipal fire department.
Made by: Mr. Boyer **Second:** Mr. Arrison **Roll Call Vote:** N. John Arrison - Aye Daniel Boyer - Aye C. Peter Cole - Aye Tom Leach (by telephone) - Aye Kelly Murphy – Aye

As a result of the above motion, an article was added to the Warning for the March 2018 Town Meeting. **Article 9 read: Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield approve the expenditure of \$265,070 for the support and operation of a new municipal fire department? \$245,070 shall be raise by property taxation, allowing the Selectboard to set the appropriate tax rate. Article 9 failed.**

Even after Article 9 failed in March, discussion continues during Selectboard meetings. It appears by attending, listening to and/or reading Selectboard minutes over the past year no forward progress has been made to form a Municipal Department. The undersigned feel it is time to stop the discussion on the motion that was made (referenced in paragraph 2 above) which will allow the Selectboard to turn their attention to other town business that needs and deserves the attention of our elected officials.

It is our request that a motion is made to rescind the motion (referenced in paragraph 2 above) and this motion be voted in the affirmative by the majority of the current Board of Selectman.

[illegible]

**Motion: To enact the board's statutory authority pursuant to 24 VSA §1951 to create a municipal fire department.
Made by: Mr. Boyer Second: Mr. Arrison Roll Call Vote: N. John Arrison - Aye Daniel Boyer - Aye C. Peter Cole - Aye
Tom Leach (by telephone) - Aye Kelly Murphy – Aye**

Even after Article 9 failed in March, discussion continues during Selectboard meetings. It appears by attending, listening to and/or reading Selectboard minutes over the past year no forward progress has been made to form a Municipal Department. The undersigned feel it is time to stop the discussion on the motion that was made (referenced in paragraph 2 above) which will allow the Selectboard to turn their attention to other town business that needs and deserves the attention of our elected officials.

It is our request that a motion is made to rescind the motion (referenced in paragraph 2 above) and this motion be voted in the affirmative by the majority of the current Board of Selectman.

[illegible]