

Select Board Meeting  
Martin Memorial Hall  
5259 US Rte 5, Ascutney VT  
DRAFT of Select Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 6:30 PM

Select Board Members Present:

Kelly O'Brien  
Michael Todd  
Wendy Smith

Brandon Gulnick, Town Manager

Attendees: Olivia Savage, Ray Stapleton, Matt Priestly, Michael Dawson

Online attendees: Brian Bosenberg, Beth Huton

1.) Call to Order by Michael Todd, Chair at 6:30 pm

2.) Pledge of Allegiance led by Ray Stapleton

3.) Agenda Review

Two members are absent tonight. The Tillmans are bringing their son to bootcamp and Mr. Fuller surprised his son in Nashville, TN. We will probably not get too deep in discussions tonight due to the absence of the two members.

4.) Comments from Citizens on topics not on the agenda

Olivia requested to add Mr. Dawsons firework permit application to the Agenda. Mr. Todd agreed to add it to the Agenda under any other business.

5.) Review minutes from previous meeting 6-16-22; 6-20-22

Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of 6-16-22, Wendy seconded the motion,  
vote: unanimous

Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of 6-20-22, Wendy seconded the motion,  
vote: unanimous

6.) Town Manager Updates/Announcements

- Building & Grounds Maintenance
- RFB Paving Quarry Road
- RFB Paving Stoughton Pond Road
- EMD Training

- Accountant Update
- Tax Rate Update
- 1879 Schoolhouse

#### 7.) Vote to Award Compactor Bid

- Brandon Gulnick released the bids received for the Compactor bid opening. Alva Waste bid \$59,355 and Atlantic Recycling bid \$32,510. The bid from Atlantic Recycling did not follow the request for bid as they did not include a price for the concrete pad. Mr. Gulnick explained that both companies that submitted a bid recommend the purchase of a new receiver box.
- Matt Priestley says the sooner the better for award of the bid. Michael Todd asked to hold the vote until Thursday, and we can award it on Friday.
- The unit will not get billed to Alva until it's built. The receiver box is ready to go, its bought and paid for.
- The Town Manager recommends taking a loan from People's bank for 5 years and entering the annual payment in the fixed cost formula for all three (3) towns to share.
- Michael Todd requested to add this to the Agenda for Thursday's meeting.

#### 8.) Entertainment Request

Kelly made a motion to approve the request, Wendy seconded the motion.  
Vote: Unanimous.

#### 9.) High Priority Building Improvements – ARPA

Michael Todd asked if the board wanted to get into this discussion tonight due to the absence of 2 board members. The board moved this to the next agenda.

#### 10.) Business Personal Property Tax

Kelly requested last years numbers to compare to. Michael Todd moved this to the next agenda.

#### 11.) Proposed Future Agenda Items

1879 Schoolhouse Committee, High Priority Building Improvements, RFPS for paving, Tax Rate.

#### 12.) Appointments

- Budget Committee (2 Vacancies)

- Constable (1 Vacancy)
- Energy Coordinator (1 Vacancy)
- Parks & Recreation Commission (2 Vacancies)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment - (2 Vacancies)

13.) Approve Warrant

Kelly O'Brien made a motion to approve the warrants of 5-16-22 as follows:

General Funds	Operating Expenses \$42,373.47 Payroll \$16,555.38
Highway Fund	Operating Expenses \$79,655.94 Payroll \$7,887.20
Solid Waste Management Fund	Operating Expenses \$ 219.83 Payroll \$1,800.50
Library	Operating Expenses \$0.00 Payroll \$2,070.68
Grand Totals	Operating Expenses \$234,946.35 Payroll \$28,313.76

Wendy Smith – Second

Kelly O'Brien questioned the library warrant. Mr. Gulnick explained that the Library is a separate entity governed by the Library Board of Trustees. Kelly O'Brien stated the Library operating expenses are misleading. Mr. Gulnick stated that the Library Board of Trustees approves the warrant. Kelly O'Brien would like transparency on the Town Warrant in regard to the Library. Kelly O'Brien questioned the training expense on the Warrant in regard to West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Department. Ray Stapleton explained that a member went to training. Michael Todd would like to develop a mechanism to track rescue squad expenses.

Vote - unanimous

14.) Any other business

The board took up Michael Dawson's firework application. Olivia talked to Chief Spaulding. Mr. Spaulding requested that Michael call him Saturday morning to determine whether its safe to shoot fireworks off. Otherwise, the board approved the request for this event.

139 15.) Adjourn

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141 Kelly O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.

142 Wendy Smith – 2<sup>nd</sup>

143 No discussion

144 Vote – unanimous

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146 The next Selectboard Meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2022, at 6:30pm at Martin  
147 Memorial Hall.

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150 Respectfully,

151 Brandon Gulnick

152 Town Manager

## **WEATHERSFIELD SELECTBOARD**

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David Fuller, Vice-Chairperson

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Kelly O'Brien, Clerk

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Wendy Smith, Selector

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Paul Tillman, Selector

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Michael Todd, Chairperson