

APPROVED MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BENSON, VT
March 13th, 2023, 7pm

Selectboard:

Linda Peltier (Chair), Guy Charlton, Brad Barrett, Jerod Glover, Tom Bartholomew

Others:

Heidi Chandler (Town Clerk/Treasurer) Lisa Fontaine (Assistant Clerk) Carrie LaFond (Selectboard Assistant)

Public: Jack Helm, Ron Stewart, Steve Murray, Nancy Elkington

Call to Order: Guy Charlton (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approved Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as Presented was made by Jerod Glover and seconded by Brad Barrett, motion was passed.

Organization of Selectboard:

Nomination by Tom Bartholomew for Linda Peltier to be Chairman of the Board, second by Jerod Glover.

Nomination by Brad Barrett for Guy Charlton to be Chairman of the Board, no second.

Motion by Tom Bartholomew to nominate Linda Peltier for Chairman of the Board, second by Jerod Glover, Motion passed by three with one opposed.

Nomination by Linda Peltier for Guy Charlton to be Assistant Chair, second by Jerod Glover.

Motion by Linda Peltier for Guy Charlton to be Assistant Chair, second by Jerod Glover, motion passed.

Public Comment:

Ron Stewart Jr. turned in his key for the Town office.

Jack Helm made some calls and was able to get the pickup truck in to get fixed before the storm. Also, Jack provided the Select Board with the information on the Salt/Sand shed investment that was transferred from a CD at the Orwell Bank to a Treasury Bill at the Pile Agency.

Motion by Linda Peltier (Chair), second by Jerod Glover for the Selectboard Assistant to send letters to current Appointments that are set to expire this year and thank them for their service and notify them if they do not wish to be reappointed to notify the Selectboard, motion passed.

Motion by Linda Peltier (Chair) second by Brad Barrett to set the Selectboard meeting schedule for every other Monday starting March 20th, 2023, at 7pm except for Monday meetings falling on a federal holiday they are to be Tuesday of that week, motion passed.

Motion by Guy Charlton, second by Brad Barrett to use the Manchester News Paper as the primary source for Notices and Agendas and The Rutland Herald as a second source for time sensitive notices, motion passed.

Motion by Brad Barrett, second by Jerod Glover to use G & L Store, Wheel Inn, and Town office as official posting place for Notices and Agendas and the Library and Transfer Station when more than three places are need per statute, motion passed.

Discussion on electronic recording requirement of meetings and conference call system

Discussion on a keypad system to control access to the Town office as it is not known exactly who has keys.

Tom Bartholomew and Linda Peltier will attend the VLCT Training meeting on March 25th in Randolph and Jerod Glover, Brad Barrett and Guy Charlton will attend via virtual meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Brad Barrett to adjourn at 8:08 pm, seconded by Guy Charlton, Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted.
Carrie LaFond
Selectboard Assistant

Documents referenced in these minutes can be found at the Town Office.