

MINUTES FOR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Select Board to Meet at the Robert Vasseur Town Hall
Meeting also Via Zoom
Meeting ID 338 889 0421
Password 492597
5:00 p.m.

Attendees

Select Board Members: Jared Cadwell (Jared), Chuck Martel (Chuck), Mike Jordan (Mike)

SB Assistant/Town Clerk: Patti Lewis (Patti)

Minute Taker: Betsy Carter (Betsy)

Guests: MRVTV, Douglas Day, Brad Long, Karen Sauther

- 1. Called to order at 5:03pm.**
- 2. Approve Select Board Minutes of April 13, 2021 and April 16, 2021.**
 - a. *Motion to approve minutes of April 13 and 16 by Chuck, seconded by Mike. All in favor, none opposed. Minutes approved.*
- 3. 5:15 p.m. - Brad Long – Efficiency Vermont**
 - a. Presentation by Brad Long, community engagement coordinator (Brad Sharing Screen)
 - i. Efficiency Vermont is a statewide energy efficiency utility
 - ii. Targeted Communities: Mad River Valley and Deerfield Valley chosen due to economic impact of COVID on hospitality industry.
 - iii. Goal is to help residents, business owners, property owners, renters, farmers and non-profits to reduce energy use, increase comfort and decrease their cost of building heating and other utilities.
 - iv. Look back at campaign in Rockingham, VT from 2019. 21 community events were held with over 500 conversations.
 - v. Landing page created to list events, information, services, and incentives.
 - vi. 2021 program offerings include dedicated community manager, outreach and educational programs and workshops, virtual home energy visits and coupon for residences (\$50), free walk-through for businesses and business bonus incentives (\$200 for heat pump, heat pump water heater, or kitchen appliances), enhanced incentives for municipalities and non-profits, free walk-throughs and products for landlords and renters.
 - vii. Municipal Bonus Incentive awards: \$4000 bonus for energy efficient upgrades to municipal facilities
 - viii. Brad's contact info:
 1. blong@veic.org
 2. 802-735-8083
 - ix. Questions
 1. How can residents set up a virtual home energy visit? Go to www.encyvermont.com/mad-river-valley and scroll down for online scheduling.
 2. Is there a deadline for the expenditure of the \$4000? Is it for each town, or the MRV as a whole?
 - a. Each town in the valley is receiving \$4000. The project should be identified by July 1 with project completion by end of the calendar year.
 3. Can the towns collaborate?
 - a. No, if there is a jointly owned building, the towns can't stack the \$4000.
 4. Are windows covered?

- a. Anything that Efficiency Vermont offers as incentive for business is applicable to municipalities. Windows are not included.

4. Ratify/Sign 2021 LEMP Documents

- a. Prepared by Craig Snell and Patti Lewis
- b. *Motion to ratify Chuck's signature on LEMP document by Mike, seconded by Chuck. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved. Jared will sign the document tomorrow at Town Office.*

5. North Fayston Road Paving Project Update

- a. Fayston Zoning and Select Board in process of clarifying grant from AOT for paving of North Fayston Road.
- b. Work to be completed this summer.
- c. Grant is not finalized. Town is not authorized to do the work yet.
- d. Authorization to begin the work is not until July 1 (beginning of fiscal year), so work could not begin until then.
- e. Grant in process with AOT. Jared is optimistic after a call with the grant reviewer on April 27. Town may see the funds available on July 1; Town is in holding pattern until specific approval is obtained.
- f. There may be additional money authorized by state legislature for construction season beginning July 1 2021; still has not been signed off by the state transportation committee within the legislature.
- g. Company to do the work has been selected and excavator rented; town in holding pattern until grant is authorized. Question was asked of grant supervisor if town could initiate work and be reimbursed; grant supervisor recommended waiting for grant approval in hand prior to starting work.
- h. Stuart (Road Forman) is proceeding with culvert replacement regardless of grant status (@Smith Road). If road work has to wait until next year, Stuart has negotiated that Town does not have to rent the excavator for the full term if not needed.

6. Read Mail and Sign Warrant

- a. No Mail.
- b. Warrant
 - i. Question on legal expenses: What the Town will be paying out to town attorney will not appear on balance report that was sent out today? Fees to date have only been for Boyce and will be separated in its own line item.
 - ii. On the Equity portion, account 3018 for recreation reserve, what is in that? It was created several years ago; this was money set aside ~25 years ago when the town was saving money to purchase the rec fields or other property. Should this be something that's reallocated (~\$12,000)? It would require a vote of the voters.
 - iii. Jared will sign warrant on 4/28.

7. Other Business:

- a. Liquor Licenses
 - i. Mad River Glen
 - ii. Sugarbush Resort
 - iii. Do the resorts specify the locations? MRG doesn't identify; Sugarbush has 6 for inside/outside for the Base Lodge and Glen Houses.
 - iv. Licenses require original signatures; Select Board to sign 4/28 close of business.
- b. Excess Weight Permits
 - i. Walker Construction
 - ii. Nezin Excavating (Lincoln, VT)
 - iii. Jared to sign 4/28.
- c. Green Up Day on May 1
 - i. Bags have been dispersed around Town

- d. Boyce Hill Town Forest
 - i. 100+ signed up for Zoom workshop on 4/28, 7-9PM
 - ii. Land use will be discussed.
 - iii. Town Zoom account is maxed out at 100, but Town is increasing capacity to 500.
 - 1. Chuck authorized \$50 spend monthly for next 3 months.
 - iv. May 19 – Natural Resources discussion
 - v. June 9 – Recreation discussion
 - vi. Second half of meetings open for discussion and questions from the public.
 - e. Reminder to homeowners with driveways that intersect with Town roads
 - i. Homeowner responsible for installation, maintenance, repair, and cleaning of culverts
 - ii. Please add to your spring cleaning!
 - f. Hazardous waste collection
 - i. May 8, 9am-1pm at Harwood; open to Mad River Valley Residents
- 8. Motion to adjourn by chuck, seconded by Mike. Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm.**

Dates of Interest:

April 28, 2021 Boyce Hill Town Forest Public Visioning Workshop

May 1, 2021 Green Up Day

May 11, 2021 Next Select Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Carter

Approved: Jared Cadwell