

Minutes of the East Montpelier Selectboard

June 13, 2022 Selectboard Meeting

This meeting was held in-person at the town office building with a remote participation option using the Zoom conferencing platform.

SB Attendance: Vice Chair Carl Etnier, Jon Jewett, Amy Willis, Judith Dillon, Town Administrator Gina Jenkins

In-Person Public Attendance: None

Remote Public Attendance: David Delcore, Times Argus

Vice Chair Etnier called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Additions to Agenda:

- Discuss potential for Xusana Davis, State of Vermont Executive Director of Racial Equity to address the Selectboard at a future meeting.
- Discuss potential for team assisting communities to address local infrastructure resilience to address the Selectboard at a future meeting.

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

Vermont Racial Equity

Vice Chair Etnier proposed inviting Xusana Davis, State of Vermont Director of Racial Equity to address the board at a future Selectboard meeting. Mr. Etnier shared that he spoke with Ms. Davis about potential ideas to discuss issues of racial equity and inclusion throughout the community and proposed inviting Ms. Davis to address the board to further the conversation. The board agreed that to invite Ms. Davis to address the Selectboard at a future meeting. Mr. Etnier will reach out to Ms. Davis and provide contact information to TA Jenkins to arrange a time for Ms. Davis to address the board at a future meeting.

Infrastructure Resilience

Vice Chair Etnier learned of a team helping communities to build local infrastructure resilience and proposed that the group address the board at a future Selectboard meeting. The team assists in both evaluating current infrastructure and assisting towns will obtaining grants to improve local infrastructure. The board agreed to invite the team to meet with the Selectboard at a future meeting. Mr. Etnier will reach out both to the team assisting the communities and provide contact information to TA Jenkins to arrange a time for the team to address the board at a future meeting.

Personnel Matters

Motion: To go into executive session under 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(3) – the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body shall make a final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or employee in an open meeting and shall explain the reasons for its final decision during the open meeting.

Made by Ms. Willis; second by Mr. Jewett. Passed unanimously.

The board entered into executive session at 6:41 p.m. and exited at 7:28 p.m.

The board directed Mr. Jewett and TA Jenkins to make a contingent job offer to a candidate for the Zoning Administrator position. Final decisions, along with the associated reasoning, on any hiring will be publicly announced when made.

Motion: To authorize Mr. Jewett and TA Jenkins to make an offer of employment to a candidate for the Zoning Administrator position. Made by Ms. Dillon; second by Ms. Willis. Passed unanimously.

Motion: To adjourn. Made by Mr. Jewett; second by Ms. Willis. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gina Jenkins, Town Administrator

Approved: June 20, 2022 East Montpelier Selectboard meeting