

Minutes for the East Montpelier Selectboard

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April 01, 2024 Selectboard Meeting

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

SB Attendance: Chair Seth Gardner, Scott Hess, Zoe Christiansen Town Administrator (“TA”) Gina Jenkins

Remote SB Attendance: Tom Brazier, Carl Etnier

In-Person Public Attendance: Orca Media, Jennifer Devine, Glenn Weyant

Remote Public Attendance: Town Clerk Rosie Laquerre, Heather and Michelle Pallas

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

Additions to the agenda:

Appointments of Jon Boucher to Animal Control officer to agenda.

Minutes: The board reviewed the draft minutes of the March 18th, 25th, and 27th meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended from the March 18th Board meeting.

Made by Mr. Hess, second by Ms. Christiansen. Passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended from the March 25 Board meeting.

Made by Mr. Hess, second by Mr. Etnier. Passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended from the March 27 Board meeting.

Made by Mr. Hess, second by Ms. Christiansen. Passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Board Work Session on Town Administrator Position

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: Mr. Etnier Seconds: Mr. Hess
6:48 Entered into Executive Session

Town Administrator Candidate Interviews [Probable Executive Session] If Executive Session Desired: Move 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.

Emerges from Executive Session at 8:00 PM.
No action was taken.

Motion: To offer the candidate the Town Administrator position on the grounds that they are the most qualified, and for the Chair to negotiate terms.
Made by Mr. Hess, second by Mr. Brazier. Passed unanimously.

Finalization of Town Meeting Minutes • The Selectboard to review short and long version of Town Meeting Minutes and decide which version to approve.

Motion: To approve the long version of the Town Meeting minutes from the 2024 Board meeting as amended.

Made by Ms. Christiansen, second by Mr. Hess. Passed unanimously.

Consideration of Planning Commission Candidates

Selectboard to consider candidates presented for Planning Commission vacancies as provided by Planning Commission. Letters of interest have been presented for Selectboard review from Celina Moore Barton and Glenn Weyant. Glenn Weyant was in person to make introduction and express interest in position.

Motion: To appoint Celina Moore Barton and Glenn Weyant to the Planning Commission.

Made by Mr. Hess, second by Ms. Christiansen. Passed unanimously.

Consideration of Public Assistance Subrecipient Grant Agreement

Selectboard to review subrecipient grant agreement to allow town to receive funds from FEMA for July 2023 flood.

Also included are the financial documents related to Project 730555, Emergency Protective Measures project, work which was done primarily on the Horn of the Moon Road, and temporary work on Sparrow and Sodom Pond Road at the time of the flood. Costs incurred of \$15,283.12 and grant payment of \$11,462.34.

Motion: To authorize TA Jenkins to sign the Public Assistance Subrecipient Grant agreement.

Made by Mr. Hess, second by Ms. Christiansen. Passed unanimously.

Warrants

April 1, 2024, Regular Expense Warrant

Town Administrator Report

TA out of office Monday, April 8th and Monday, April 15th.

Town office will be closed to the public on Monday, April 8th (Eclipse Day).

Town office server replaced Friday, March 29th, successfully.

There have been 3 permit applications since the last report.

Other Business

Appointment of Jon Boucher to Second Animal Control officer to agenda.

Motion: Mr. Etnier, Second: Ms. Christiansen. Passed Unanimously.

Question about hours for part time road crew member. Chair Gardner will follow up with Road Foreman Guthrie.

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn.

Made by Mr. Hess, second by Ms. Christiansen. Passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Zoe Christiansen.