

## **Draft Minutes for the East Montpelier Selectboard**

### **July 15, 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, Zoe Christiansen, Scott Hess, Tom Brazier, Town Administrator (“TA”) Jennifer Devine

#### **Remote SB Attendance:**

**Remote Public:** David Roy, Deb Fillion, Renee Carpenter

**Additions to the Agenda** • Liquor license Woodbelly Pizza Request to Cater • Town-wide Reappraisal Order

**ZA Interview Re-Scheduled** • Interview Re-Scheduled

**Minutes:** The board reviewed the draft minutes of the July 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting. Motion: To approve the minutes from the July 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting as amended. Made by Mr. Hess, second by Mr. Etnier. Passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Bob Nuner says the town did a great job replacing culverst on Horn of the Moon near his house. However, pipe is exposed because dish at base of the pipe is gone. Washout below culvert. Wondering if the town has say, or whether it’s a private matter.

#### **ZA Interview Re-Scheduled.**

Motion: To move into executive session under 1 V.S.A. 313 to discuss a personnel matter. Made by Mr. Etnier, second by Ms. Christiansen. Passed unanimously. Executive session began at 6:38 PM>

#### **Discussion on Coburn Bridge**

Matt Tetreault from VAST & Rep from Twinfield Snow Travelers – Discuss Coburn Road Bridge (Possible Motion)

Wanted to make sure it was ok to do work on the bridge.

Motion: To authorize the TA to sign the paper to allow repair on the VAST bridge on the Coburn Road property.

Made By: Mr. Etnier Second: Mr. Hess

Passed Unanimously

#### **Garage Discussion:**

Design Decision (potential motion for design selection) David Roy from Wiemann Lamphere Architects in attendance on the call

All same in floorplan, 1 option steel, 3 others with same building envelope but different construction. Different ways of heating building in perpetuity. Very early on in design, nothing has been competitively bid.

### **Discussion on Coburn Pond**

Discussion VTRANS asked if EM is interested in Coburn Pond Property or potential to create a multitown “District” to own or other (Possible Motion)  
Topic tabled until next meeting.

### **Motion to Sign Updated EMFD Contract •**

Draft contract will be brought to the annual meeting in August and signed at that point.

### **Motion to Select Town Hill Paving Project Vendor**

Selectboard to choose either Pike Industries vs. Whitcomb to pave Towne Hill Road (potential motion)  
Motion: To authorize the TA to sign the contract to have Pike Industries pave Towne Hill Road.  
Made By: Brazier Second: Mr. Etnier

### **RFP Information Provided to SB Discussion Hudson House (Potential Motion)**

Will print map to investigate possibilities of selling house as is.

### **Other Business**

Discussion of North Street culverts. Road foreman will be contacted, and the situation will be resolved appropriately.

### **Request to cater Woodbelly Pizza**

Motion: To authorize Town Clerk approve liquor license request  
Made by: Mr. Hess Seconded by: Mr. Etnier  
Passed Unanimously

### **Move to authorize chair to Town-wide Reappraisal Order**

Made by: Mr. Etnier Second: Mr. Hess **Passed Unanimously**

### **July 15, 2024 Regular Expense Warrant**

The warrant should be signed by all Selectboard members present. If an “in-person” quorum is lacking, the warrant should be approved by one of the in-person Selectboard members authorized to sign the warrant on behalf of the Selectboard.

### **Town Administrator Report**

• The VT State Public Assistance Officer & FEMA are still trying to determine if we have enough damages statewide from this recent July 2024 Storm and if we do, then they are able to submit for a Federal Disaster Request, which goes to the Governor and up the chain of command to review and approve. We were told to continue to make road repairs and document everything. • We have escalated a request for Sander’s Circle temporary bridge on Horn of the Moon Road to the VT Agency of

Transportation • Our Road Crew has been working hard repairing damages and clearing debris. They have cleared all the debris in front of Coburn Bridge.

**Warrants**

The July 15, 2024 Expense Warrants were signed by the selectboard members present.

**Town Administrator Report**

**Adjourn**

**Motion:** Ms. Christiansen Second: Mr. Etnier

Passed Unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM