

## **Selectboard Meeting Minutes September 23, 2024 - Draft**

**Attendees:** Seth Gardner, Zoe Christiansen, Jennifer Devine, Michael Duane

**Remote Attendees:** Carl Etnier, Ben McCall, Paul Erlbaum, Ginny Callan

**Start 6:31pm**

### **Additions to the Agenda:**

- Fire Chief to discuss next meeting fire truck purchase request
- Discuss Hudson House & Barn Abatement and Demo Initial Quote from Complete Demolition Service LLC, & next steps if possible.
  - Need to clear out the wood in barn, tractor, snow mobile, unknown items from the properties
  - Need to clear out of the interior of the house all personal property.

**Review of Sept 9, 2024 Minutes is delayed to the next meeting.**

**Public Comment included a request for Selectboard Agenda to be put on Front Porch Forum moving forward.**

### **Funding Request Study Committee**

- TA Devine sent the kickoff email with Blank Applications to the Funding Request Study Committee last week on 9/19/24 with deadline of 10/11/24.
- The Funding Request Study Committee will be asked by the Auditors to generate “Report of the Funding Request Committee for FY2025 pdf” & “Requested Amounts Report pdf” for the Annual Report after deciding the recipients.
- Chair Gardner explained that the Funding Request Committee must keep total requests below \$25k. He also pointed out that the committee is not obligated to fund a group that has been funded in past years if the group doesn’t submit a request this year.

### **October Town Garage Forum or Harvest Fest was planned for Saturday Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

- A Harvest Fest will be held on Saturday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to help inform the public about the Town Garage.
  - 10:00am Pie Contest
  - 11-12:30pm Garage Presentation & Pie Contest Winner Selected by a 3 Judge Panel
  - 12:30pm Free Lunch

**The Sept. 23rd, 2024, Expense Warrant was signed.**

### **Municipal Energy Resilience Program Implementation Grant Discussion (Possible Motion)**

- Energy Committee would like to recommend to the Selectboard that the Town submit an application for a Municipal Energy Resilience Program Implementation Grant & The Energy Committee will be happy to prepare a complete draft of the application for submittal.

- Ben McCall discussed that the Municipal Energy Resilience Program Implementation Grant could help make necessary improvements to the Municipal Building and the Motion Passed Unanimous and it was to be submitted Friday.

### **Executive Session Legal Matters Discussion**

Motion 1: I, Zoe Christiansen, move to find that premature public knowledge of the following discussion would clearly place the selectboard at a substantial disadvantage with regard to pending or probable civil litigation (1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E)).  
Motion passed unanimously by Selectboard attendees.

Motion 2: I, Zoe Christiansen, move to enter executive session to discuss a legal matter, per 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1).  
Motion passed unanimously by Selectboard attendees.

### **Town Administrator Report**

- Coburn Pond Update- Vtrans is waiting to hear from the Army Corp then Jeff Ramsey from Vtrans will record the deed that reflects the deed restrictions into the land record first
- Election Security Grant- The Town Clerk will be talking to group about enhanced security steps we want to take in the Municipal Office Building
- Mallory Brook Hunting and Trap Lottery drawing is Thursday Sept 26, 2024
- Reminder for Town Garage Tour on Saturday, Nov 2nd 8:30am located at the Town Garage (coffee & light refreshments will be provided)
- Reminder of Town Garage Forum Saturday, Nov 2nd 10:00am located at the Elementary School
- Other: Sanders Circle Culvert Replacement Contract was sent to contractor, Horn of the Moon culvert was repaired

**Adjourn: 7:51pm**