

West Windsor Selectboard Minutes
Monday, August 14, 2023
6:30 pm Town Hall and Zoom

Present in Person: Matt Kantola, Mark Higgins, Mark Harley, Cathy Archibald, Mike Spackman, Amanda Yates, Mike Silverman, Deb Shearer, Matt Frederick

Present via Zoom: Christina Dolan, Allesandro Iuppa

1. Call to order

A quorum being present, Matt Kantola called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. Changes or Additions to Agenda

Matt Kantola mentioned that Jill Delaney is having a private event and has applied for an event permit. Matt further mentioned the Town Hall roof repairs will begin. *(Mark Higgins joined the meeting at this time)*

3. Announcements / Public Comment

(This agenda item was passed over inadvertently. Members of the public were still welcome to comment during the meeting.)

4. Town Clerk's Orders

Matt Kantola noted nothing out of the ordinary. Mark Harley inquired whether the Carbonite backup service had been terminated. Mark Higgins responded that the Town should have been credited back the expense in the past week and that he would forward the relevant email to Cathy.

5. Highway Foreman's Report

Mike Spackman presented the Highway Foreman's report. FEMA repairs continue. The Churchill Rd. covered bridge needs to be looked at by historical preservation experts before repairs can be made to ensure that any repair work is reimbursable. The Highway Department has had to resurface Blood Hill Rd., the Churchill Road bridge area, and Banister Road. Total costs to the town for the repairs from the flooding are approximately \$40k. The repair work has delayed the Town's implementation of its MRGP grants. The Highway Department still needs to finish John Meyers Rd. and Ski Tow Rd. by October 1. Mike stated that the Highway Department is considering seeking an extension on the work on Sheddsville that is also subject to a MRGP grant. The Selectboard inquired if prolonging the Sheddsville MRGP grant would affect next year's grant money. Mike speculated that it should not but it is difficult to say for sure. More likely, he thinks is that the State of Vermont will not be giving out as many grants next year. Fall scraping needs to be done. The new truck is on the floor at Viking and Chip Craig has to go up this week to set the new truck up.

6. Vermont 50 Event Application

Mike Silverman with Amanda Yates on behalf of AOC presented the event application for the Vermont 50 from September 22 to September 24. This year is the 30th anniversary of the event. The event has grown to be very successful. Mike Spackman asked that if the event needed any assistance with the course to please let the Highway Department know. The Selectboard asked questions regarding the insurance and the noise at the start. *Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously approved the event application for the Vermont 50 from September 22 to September 24.*

7. MERP Grant Approval

Al Iuppa presented on behalf of the Sustainability Committee. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously approved the execution of the MERP mini-grant.

8. EV Charger Grant Consideration

Al Iuppa presented the opportunity for the Town to get a grant for a Public Attraction grant. The grant requires a 5% match by the Town. Level 2 charges would be what's in play. The maximum grant per community is \$60,000. Amanda Yates expressed her view on chargers as a member of the public attending the meeting. The Selectboard inquired whether a site needed to be selected as part of the initial application. Al and the Selectboard discussed the parameters of any possible EV charging set up. *Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously approved the Sustainability Committee's pursuit for an EV charger grant and asked the Sustainability Committee to update the Selectboard as necessary with any recommendations or necessary steps.*

9. Sheddsville Fireworks Complaint

Mark Higgins presented the complaint from a resident of Sheddsville Rd. The Selectboard emphasized that every resident should call the Windsor PD in the event of a fireworks complaint.

10. Other Business

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously approved the event permit application of Jill Delaney for September 3.

Matt Kantola shared that Ansel Dickey mentioned that there might be a course change to the Overland due to storm damage. Ansel will work with the Fire Department and other interested stakeholders in the event of any changes.

Matt stated again that roof repairs were taking place at Town Hall this week.

11. Executive Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously voted to go into executive session for the reasons set forth in 1 V.S.A. § 313(3) at 7:05 pm.

12. Final Decisions

The Selectboard exited executive session at 7:51 pm. *Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously approved the appointment of Matthew Frederick as Town Administrator, beginning September 5 at a compensation rate of \$65,000 per annum.* The Selectboard considered Mr. Frederick's engagement with his community, his familiarity with the requirements of small Vermont municipal governments and his technical and interpersonal skills in making its selection.

13. Approve Minutes of August 7

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously approved the minutes of August 7.

14. Adjourn

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:55pm.