

Minutes of the Town of Orange Select Board Meeting – September 20, 2018

In attendance: Eric Holmgren, Sue Perreault, Lee Youngman, CVRPC representative Bonnie Waninger, Planning Commission members Lee Cataneo and Ray Rossi

Board Chair Eric Holmgren called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm

1. The board made the following agenda revisions:

- Allow for Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss ongoing personnel issues
- Consider whether to adopt 24 VSA ss1623 Orders Drawn by Select board.
- Discuss whether to pursue possible collaboration with Barre town for Police Protection.

2. On a motion made by Lee and seconded by Sue, the board approved the minutes of the Sept 7 and Sept 10 meetings.

3. Eric invited Bonnie Waninger from Central VT Regional Planning, along with Lee Cataneo and Ray Rossi, to outline a grant application they would like to make. The successful applications will encourage community building around the town's newly adopted 5 year plan, with a specific focus on developing a Community Message Board, winning the state Designation as a Village Center, establishing a conservation commission, an energy committee (which is state-mandated) and a wastewater committee. On a motion made by Lee and seconded by Sue, the board adopted a resolution allowing the Planning Commission to move forward with the grant application.

4. Item 4 was tabled for lack of information.

5. The board discussed town clerk Kathie Felch's resignation, effective October 12. Discussion followed concerning the path forward. The board decided to send a letter to townspeople asking for parties interested in pursuing the positions of town clerk and town treasurer to respond by October 5. Lee will have a rough draft of that letter ready by Sept 21.

6. The board decided to pass on VtCT Town Fair this year, since we have no staff to attend and board members have other commitments.

7. The board tabled review of the budget since no budget was presented for review. The board expressed concern that we have not seen a budget since June. Eric will continue to work on getting a budget for us to review.

8. The board tabled review of accounts payable and payroll warrants since none were presented for review. Again, the board expressed concern that we have not seen accounts payable or payroll warrants since the July meeting.

9a. on a motion made by Lee and seconded by Sue, the board entered Executive Session at 6:56pm. On a motion made by Lee and seconded by Sue, the board came out of Executive Session at 7:18 pm.

9b. on a motion made by Sue and seconded by Lee, the board adopted 24 VSZ ss 1623 concerning Orders Drawn by Select Board.

9c. Bill Crowther, Assistant Town Clerk, had a conversation with Barre Town Police Chief Bill Dodge about ways the two towns (or, with Washington) can collaborate on Police protection in light of the fact that the Orange County Sheriff broke our contract. Sue Perreault will follow up with Bill Dodge to invite him and Carl Rogers, Barre Town Manager, to our next meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business to discuss, the board adjourned at 7:40

Respectfully submitted by Lee Youngman