



Town of Thetford Vermont

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Selectboard Informational Hearing *Draft* Agenda

– Online Only –

February 22, 2021 6:30pm

Please note Section 6 of H.681, signed into law on March 30th, 2020, for the temporary suspension of designated physical meeting location requirements.

To connect to Zoom via computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88122490498>

To connect via phone only: +1 (646) 558 8656 | Meeting ID: 881 2249 0498

6:30pm – Selectboard Meeting Call to Order

1. Possible Ratification of Application Support Letter for the 2021 VTrans Small-Scale Bicycle/Pedestrian Grant Program
2. Certification of No Appeal or Suit Pending of 2020 Grand List
3. Town Manager Report
4. Discussion and Decision for Civic Pride Award Recipient
5. 7:00pm – Candidate's Forum
6. Informational Hearing - Discussion of Warned Articles
7. Adjourn



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Re: 2021 VTrans Small-scale Bicycle/Pedestrian Grant Program

To whom it may concern,

The Thetford Selectboard supports the application to the VTrans Small-scale Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant titled, "Thetford Hill and Thetford Center Cyclists Safety Connectors." The Selectboard acknowledges the 50% local match, consisting of an in-kind contribution of \$4,200, and a cash match of \$933.70. The Selectboard further commits to maintain the shared lane markings and signs installed as a result of this project.

Sincerely,

Town of Thetford Selectboard

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Nick Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Nick Clark, Selectboard Chair

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CERTIFICATE – NO APPEAL OR SUIT PENDING

(Attach to Grand List)

We hereby certify that on this date (NO EARLIER THAN THE FIRST TUESDAY OF FEBRUARY FOLLOWING THE LODGING OF THE GRAND LIST) there are no appeals pending from the action of the Listers nor suits to recover taxes paid under protest relating to the April 1, 2020 Grand List of Thetford, Vermont.

Given under our hands at Thetford in the County of Orange, State of Vermont, this 9th day of February 2021.

Signature(s) of Selectboard

*Diane C. Abgood
Sean M. Bojke*

Signature(s) of Listers

Attested this _____ day of February 2021.

Signature of Town Clerk

§4155. Certificate and attestation – No appeal or suit pending

When no statutory appeal as provided by law from the appraisal of the Listers and no suit to recover taxes paid under protest is pending on the first Tuesday of February following such lodgment, the Selectboard and Listers of a town or the mayor and assessors of a city shall endorse a certificate to that effect upon the grand list and the same shall be attested by the town or city clerk with the date of such attestation.

§4156. After appeal and suit determined

When any such appeal or suit is then pending, such certificate shall be made as soon as such appeal or suit has been finally determined.

§4157. Effect of such certificate

From the date of endorsing such certificate upon the grand list as aforesaid to the effect that no such appeal or suit is pending, when offered in evidence in any court in this state, such list shall be received as a legal grand list of such town or city and its validity shall not be put in issue by any party to any action in any hearing or trial in any court.

Civic pride can be defined as having pride in your town and being actively involved in creating a better community. Does the phrase “Civic Pride” immediately bring a fellow resident to mind? Is there someone who inspires you to be more involved in our community?

The Selectboard is seeking nominations for the Thetford Civic Pride award, to be announced at Town Meeting.

Please submit candidate names, with a brief description of why you think they should be the recipient of the Civic Pride award to sba@thetfordvt.gov

Nominations can also be put in the drop box at the entry to Town Hall.

Nominee Name
Carrie Brennan
Peter Blodgett
Tracy Borst
Joe Deffner
Sue Farrell
Rebecca & Herb Gray
Cindy Griegel
Chase Lindsley
Robert Pulaski
Teachers - all
Bob Walker

2021 Thetford Town Meeting Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford are hereby warned to meet at Thetford Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to transact the following business by Australian ballot:

- Article 1 To elect all Town Officers required by law:
- Town Moderator
 - Selectboard member for a term of three years
 - Selectboard member for a term of two years
 - Lister for a term of three years
 - Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
 - Cemetery Commissioner for a term of one year to complete a term of three years
 - Trustee of the Public Trusts for a term of three years
- Article 2 Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on Friday, October 15th, 2021 by physical delivery to the tax collector before 5pm on that date?
- Article 3 Shall the town set the penalty charged by the collector of delinquent taxes for payments made after the due date for payment to four percent of the tax for the first fifteen days, and then an additional four percent of the tax for the sixteen day and thereafter pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1674(3)(B)?
- Article 4 Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,628,543 of which \$1,248,649 shall be raised by taxes and \$379,894 by non-tax revenues?
- Article 5 Shall the voters authorize highway fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,409,870 of which \$1,275,470 shall be raised by taxes and \$134,400 by non-tax revenues?
- Article 6 Shall the voters appropriate \$116,190 to the Thetford Library Federation for the purpose of providing library services to the town?
- Article 7 Shall the voters appropriate \$302,410 to the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of providing emergency services to the town?

- Article 8 Shall the town vote to give the Selectboard general authority to enter into tax stabilization contracts with owners, lessees, bailees, or operators of agricultural or forest property, open space land, and alternative-energy generating plants, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2741(b)(1)?
- Article 9 Shall the town give the Selectboard general authority to enter into tax stabilization contracts with owners, lessees, bailees, or operators of commercial or industrial property, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2741(b)(1)?

The preceding Articles shall be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. The Australian balloting will take place between 8am and 7pm at Thetford Town Hall, 3910 Route 113, Thetford Center, VT.

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford are further notified that informational meetings for the purpose of explaining the proposed articles will be held online on Monday, February 22, 2021, 7pm and Saturday, February 27, 9:00am – 11am.
To attend the above meetings online, go to: www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 881 2249 0498 Passcode: 923554

Dated this 25th day of January, 2021 by the Selectboard of the Town of Thetford.

Mark Clark
Mary Bryant
Dr. Suey
DE Harkney

Attest: Thetford Town Clerk *Shacey Borst*