



Town of Thetford Vermont

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Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes Thetford Town Offices (w/Virtual Attendance Option) Monday, September 19, 2022 7:00 PM

Selectboard members present: Sharon Harkay (Chair), Li Shen (vice-chair), Steve Tofel
Selectboard members absent: Mary Bryant, David Goodrich
Others present: Town Manager Bryan Gazda, Town Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Borst, Selectboard Assistant Martie Betts
Participating community members: Doug Stone, Liz Ryan Cole

Sharon Harkay called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
The Selectboard did a role call as all attendees were virtual, except for Martie Betts (on location designee) and Doug Stone.

1. Agenda Review

Sharon Harkay has not heard from Lisa Niccolai about the Treasure Island Stewardship Plan and suggested moving the discussion to the October 3rd. meeting. Selectboard members agreed. Agenda item #9 will just cover minutes, as Selectboard members are attending virtually. Sharon told the Selectboard members to look for an email from Bob Walker about the window inserts.
The Facilities Use Policy will replace agenda item #4.

2. Town Manager Report – Bryan Gazda

1. FEMA Bond Note

The balance of the FEMA bond note is \$187,000.00 and will come due in November. Bryan suggested that the Selectboard consider using ARPA funds due to rising interest rates.

2. Other

Saturday is the bulk trash, tire, and electronics collection at the Town Garage from 9 AM to 12 PM. There will be 2 DPW crew members there, but more helpers would be appreciated. Li Shen will be there.

The first project meeting for Latham Road will be tomorrow (Wednesday).

3. Public Comment

Doug Stone asked if the Fish & Game Club could use the meeting room at Town Hall on September 28th from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM to administer the hunter safety test for people who prefer to have it read to them. This was done last year. Chief Scruggs will unlock and lock the building for them. The Selectboard agreed to the request.

Liz Ryan Cole wanted to make sure the Selectboard saw her letter concerning the planned bridge construction between East Thetford and Lyme NH. Liz said she hopes the Selectboard will consider taking a role and respond to the situation, instead of citizens having to organize without their support. Bryan Gazda said this is a New Hampshire Department of Transportation project, and they are willing to hold a public meeting.



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~~4. Treasure Island Stewardship Plan~~

Facilities Policy.

Bryan said he forwarded the email from Attorney Monahan that recommended leaving in the statement which reads *“In allowing the use of these facilities, the Municipality will not discriminate against users of the facilities based on the users’ particular viewpoint(s).”* The other changes requested by the Selectboard have been made which were, removing the column with maximum occupancy for outdoor spaces and removing the Thetford Hill Green to uphold the 2017 agreement between the Town and the Thetford Hill Village Improvement Society. The town’s insurance will also cover members of the THVIS.

Bryan will create a clean copy for the Selectboard to approve and sign at the next meeting.

5. ARPA Draft Survey

The Selectboard reviewed the draft that Sharon sent to the board. The discussion will be moved to October 17th, when the full Selectboard will be present.

6. Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Zoning Bylaw Revisions (Public Notice and Public Hearing)

Planning Commission Chair David Forbes requested that the Selectboard warn and hold a public hearing on the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) section of the Zoning Bylaws, as residents are actively pursuing permits and feel the process is too difficult. Li Shen will research the timing of how far out to warn a hearing.

7. Memorial Park Monument Request

The Selectboard reviewed the request from the Post Mills Congregational Church to install a Peace Pole on Memorial Park.

Motion by Sharon Harkay that the Selectboard regretfully informs the Post Mills Congregational Church that they may not put the Peace Pole on the Thetford Memorial Park. VOTE by Roll

Call: Li Shen – in favor, Steve Tofel – in favor, Sharon Harkay – in favor. **Motion passed.**

Bryan will inform the church, and the Selectboard Assistant will research the formation and charge of the Memorial Park Committee.

8. Road Grant in Aid for FY ‘23

Motion by Sharon Harkay that we accept the State of Vermont Road Grant in Aid in the amount of \$27,000.00 to be used to improve our roads and ditches, and to authorize Town Manager Bryan Gazda to sign the agreement and return it. VOTE by Roll Call: Li Shen – in favor, Steve Tofel – in favor, Sharon Harkay – in favor. **Motion passed.**

9. Warrants and Minutes

Motion by Li Shen to accept the Selectboard meeting minutes of July 11th, 2022, as amended.

VOTE: All in Favor (3-0-0), **Motion passed.**



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Motion by Steve Tofel to accept the Selectboard meeting minutes of July 18th, 2022, as amended. VOTE: All in Favor (3-0-0) **Motion passed.**

Motion by Sharon Harkay to accept the Selectboard meeting minutes of August 1st, 2022, as amended. VOTE: All in Favor (3-0-0) **Motion passed.**

Motion by Li Shen to accept the Selectboard meeting minutes of September 12th, 2022, as amended. VOTE: All in Favor (3-0-0) **Motion passed.**

10. Adjourn

Motion by Steve Tofel to adjourn the regular Selectboard meeting at 8:30 PM. VOTE: All in favor (3-0-0) **Motion passed.**