



Town of Thetford Vermont

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Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY Monday, November 7, 2022 7:00 PM

Selectboard members present: Sharon Harkay (Chair), Li Shen (Vice-Chair), Mary Bryant, David Goodrich, Steve Tofel

Others present: Town Manager Bryan Gazda, Town Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Borst, Selectboard Assistant Martie Betts

Participating community members: D R Mani, Carolyn Hack, Garrett Hack,

Sharon Harkay called the meeting to order at 7:00

1. Agenda Review

Discussion of and possible acceptance of the grant from Grassroots for the Window Dressers program will be added in as item #5.

2. Town Manager Report – Bryan Gazda

1. Latham Road/Stowell Bridge Updates

Work on the Stowell Road Bridge will create a 3-week closure. Latham Road is nearing completion.

2. Election Day/Veterans' Day Holidays

Bryan noted that Town Offices will be closed tomorrow for elections and on Friday, Veteran's Day. They will also be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after.

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Discussion of Jackson Brook Class 4 Road

Bryan explained the request by the Mani's and the research he had done.

The Selectboard reviewed and discussed the information. Neighbors were there to ask questions and express their concerns.

Bryan's recommendation for the Selectboard is to approve the request.

Sharon proposed language for a motion. It was discussed.

Motion by Mary Bryant that we approve the Mani's request to improve approximately 1400 linear feet from the current turnaround to the Mani's property boundary of the Class 4 section of Jackson Brook Road beyond the turnaround that currently exists, at their expense.

More discussion.

VOTE by Roll Call: Steve Tofel – in favor, Li Shen – abstained, Mary Bryant – in favor, David Goodrich – in favor, Sharon Harkay – in favor **Motion passed.**

5. Discussion of and Possible Acceptance of GROW Grant, Spring 2022

Motion by Steve Tofel to accept the Window Dressers grant for \$2700.00 from the Grassroots funds to the Joint Thetford Energy Committee. There was discussion about the wording.



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Motion amended by Li Shen to accept the \$2700.00 grant from Grassroots Fund for the Joint Energy Committee Window Dresser Project and approve that any money not spent meeting current expenditures should be rolled into the Energy Committee's budget. VOTE by Roll Call: Steve Tofel – in favor, Li Shen – in favor, Mary Bryant – in favor, David Goodrich – in favor, Sharon Harkay – in favor. **Motion passed.**

6. Discussion of Traffic Ordinance Revision

The Selectboard reviewed the reasons behind the change in speed on Academy Road. Bryan recommended that they approve the change from 35 MPH back to 25 MPH.

The speed limit on Tucker Hill Road was briefly discussed.

The Selectboard will move this discussion to the next meeting, to allow for the inclusion of Tucker Hill Road.

7. Possible Appointment to the Joint Thetford Energy Committee

Weston Martin, a new resident, has inquired about joining the energy committee. The chair of the committee has not replied to Sharon. Mary Bryant will reach out to the chair.

8. Continuing Discussion of Agricultural Tax Stabilization

The Selectboard reviewed the emails and other information that had been gathered by board members. They discussed the options for stabilization.

Li will write another draft.

9. Discussion of Draft ARPA Survey

The Selectboard reviewed the draft survey and made suggestions for edits.

Tammy Hazlett and Melissa Krzal also had some suggestions.

Sharon will rework the survey.

10. Minutes and Warrants

Motion by Mary Bryant to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of October 17, 2022, as edited. VOTE (4-0-1) Li Shen abstained as she was not at that meeting. **Motion passed.**

11. Anticipated Executive Session Pertaining to Employment or Evaluation of Public Officer or Employee per 1 V.S.A. § 313(3)(a)(3)

Motion by Sharon Harkay to enter into Executive Session at 9:15 pm to talk about employment or evaluation of a Public Officer or Employee per 1 V.S.A. § 313(3)(a)(3). VOTE; all in favor.

Motion passed.

Motion by Sharon Harkay to exit Executive Session. VOTE: all in favor. **Motion passed.**

No action taken.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Steve Tofel to adjourn the Selectboard meeting. VOTE: all in favor. **Motion passed.**