



# Town of Thetford Vermont

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## Selectboard Regular Meeting \*Draft\* Agenda Thetford Town Offices (w/Virtual Attendance ●option) Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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7:00 PM – Call to Order

1. Agenda Review
2. Notes from the Selectboard Chair
  - Postponing Town Meetings
3. Town Manager Report – Bryan Gazda
  - Thetford – Lyme Bridge Detour Route Map
  - Tire Damage Update
  - Town Hall HVAC Project Start Update
  - Other
4. Committee/Commission Liaison Reports
5. Public Comment
6. Possible Special Selectboard Meeting for Presentation by Chris Brimmer, Fairlee Zoning Administrator
7. Discussion of a New Charge for the Treasure Island Committee
8. Discussion of the Agricultural Tax Stabilization Agreement DRAFT Policy
9. Convening of the Local Liquor Control Board
10. Warrants and Minutes
11. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations per 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1) and Personnel Matters per 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(3).
12. Adjourn

## Marion Betts

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**From:** Sharon Harkay <sharkay@thetfordvt.gov> on behalf of Sharon Harkay  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 8, 2023 3:42 PM  
**To:** Marion Betts  
**Subject:** Fwd: thoughts on the charge for a standing Treasure Island committee  
**Attachments:** Treasure Island Master Plan and Mission Statement—final version.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Please put the relevant email and attachment in our SB packet again for Monday, March 13th.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Douglas Tiftt <dtiftt.redwing@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Thu, Feb 2, 2023 at 11:00 AM  
**Subject:** thoughts on the charge for a standing Treasure Island committee  
**To:** Sharon Harkay <sharkay@thetfordvt.gov>  
**Cc:** David Roth <dmr@thewakayagroup.com>

Sharon:

You had asked for our recommendations on potential charges to be included in a motion at next Monday's Thetford Selectboard meeting to form a standing committee for Treasure Island matters. We asked our members to send their ideas to me by now. So far, I only have a couple. Here they are:

- expand year-round recreational opportunities at Treasure Island (AJ Kemon)
- allow for fund-raising/fiduciary responsibilities for implementing and paying for enhancements (David Roth)

I know there are surely more thoughts that simply haven't been stated. I would suggest revisiting the enclosed "vision statement" our committee submitted to the Selectboard in December 2021. Potential charges and objectives evident in this document include:

- implement varied, year-round uses (as AJ noted), including expanded recreational functions (e.g. pickleball), annual activities, educational ventures, entertainment venue (e.g. movies on the beach, musical groups)

- encourage greater use and buy-in from surrounding communities and existing organizations (e.g. LFA, Aloha Camps)
- craft a long-range master plan informed by the stewardship plan, Lake Wise recommendations, wetlands survey, and natural inventories (e.g. wildlife cams)
- assess existing infrastructure (e.g. buildings, roads, parking areas, docks, picnicking facilities), recommend improvements, and implement with fund-raising strategies
- explore new ventures for both public and private enjoyment (e.g. boat rentals, concessions, facilities rental for private functions)
- consider new administrative options for running Treasure Island, including reconsideration of the previous resident caretaker model
- develop a vision for Treasure Island as an entry point for public appreciation and conservation of the area wetland environment and for the health of Lake Fairlee and its watershed

I realize that a series of "charges" will not explicitly state all of this. But perhaps the Selectboard can consider the intentions embodied here when framing and empowering the new standing committee.

One very important question: can a standing committee of the town include members who are not residents?

I hope these thoughts help you and the other selectboard members see the possibilities for a newly cast Treasure Island committee. I have copied David Roth so that he can fill in what I may have missed and correct what I may have misstated.

All the best,

Doug Tifft  
Tifft Book Production  
2665 VT Route 244  
Fairlee, VT 05045

## Treasure Island Vision Statement

The extensive waterfront of Treasure Island should be made available for varied year-round recreational uses by the residents of Thetford and surrounding communities at a reasonable cost. Its inherent natural qualities should be protected and integrated with the unique wildlife habitat of adjoining wetlands on this end of Lake Fairlee. While owned and maintained by the Town of Thetford, Treasure Island should aspire to greater public use and broader financial support from all constituencies. Organizations such as the LFA and the Aloha Camps as well as the surrounding towns should be engaged to take part in its management and long-term welfare.

### What Do We Want from a Treasure Island Master Plan?

A master plan for Treasure Island should serve as a touchstone as both short-term and long-term changes maintain and improve this regional asset. The master plan should begin with a graphic representation of natural and built features, frontage on the water and along the roadway, key access points, terrain, and its location on the lake relative to other sites of interest. Potential projects should each be enumerated by purpose, constituency, priority, likely cost, and funding sources. Plans should cite similar enterprises that may serve as instructive models. As proposed below, the master plan should be implemented in phases that build on existing strengths while exploring new options to extend the variety and seasons for a wider range of public activities and community interests.

#### **PHASE ONE — “the same, only better”**

Treasure Island serves first and foremost as a summer swimming and picnicking resource for Thetford and surrounding towns that abut Lake Fairlee. It should immediately restore and build on those assets and public expectations with: solid management and hiring of qualified personnel; maintenance and improvements to beach facilities and equipment; and core services such as swim lessons and boat rentals. Based on survey results where residents indicated they want Treasure Island to be “the same, only better,” the town should add to its solid reputation as a community-centered summer destination with new ventures such as: food concessions; improved bath and shower facilities; more beach options such as deep-water floats for swimming in lanes; expanded playground and sports resources; more outdoor programming such as hosting musical groups and educational speakers; and improved parking areas and a lightning shelter. This must be done while protecting and restoring the inherent natural assets of the waterfront and woodland following LakeWise guidelines specifically noted on the master planning site map. Only by maximizing its recognized value as a public summertime venue can it begin to address questions of cost.

#### **PHASE TWO — “more than just a beach”**

While shoring up its core value as a swimming and picnicking destination, Treasure Island should simultaneously begin to explore other ways to share its extensive waterfront with the public. It has considerable value as a nature area for visitor enjoyment and as a site for addressing the health of Lake Fairlee. There should be a plan for restoration and protection of the woodland and rustic

waterfront at its northern end. This should include: a modest trail system; viewing spots with benches and a birdwatching platform in the northern marshland; restoration of the "Art Shack" for nature study; and a simple fishing dock for launching canoe/kayak tours of this "quiet end" of the lake. Along the southern end, the shoreline facing the cove offers another natural retreat that should be part of the trails network. Recreational uses of the open field on this end, accessible by an existing gated drive, might be used for a playing field, events parking, or tenting.

**PHASE THREE — "four seasons, three towns"**

Multi-season uses for Treasure Island should be investigated and encouraged as part of a long-range plan for expanding the public value and constituency of the site. Surveys indicate interest in activities such as ice skating, ice fishing, winter programs, and beach parties. As the public begins to recognize the greater potential for Treasure Island, efforts should be made to involve the towns of West Fairlee and Fairlee in its financial support and governance. This might take the form of a multi-town advisory committee coupled with annual contributions toward its upkeep. This could be modeled on the way the Cross-Rivendell Trail is supported by annual appropriations from the towns, coupled with individual donations through Rivendell Trail Association membership and fundraisers.

**PHASE FOUR — "open to everyone at reasonable hours and times of the year"**

With broader financing, residents of the participating towns and visitors with annual memberships could be offered significantly reduced admission to the beach in summer. Refurbishing the existing house for a resident caretaker could make possible free off-season daytime access through a designated area for "at your own risk" swimming and boating. Improvements to the house could also include a year-round meeting facility for educational programming on conservation and the health of the Lake Fairlee watershed as well as private functions, similar to the multiple uses of the Hulbert Center on Lake Morey.

# **TOWN OF THETFORD**

## **AGRICULTURAL TAX STABILIZATION AGREEMENT POLICY**

### **I. Statement of Purpose**

To promote, and preserve the rural character of the Town of Thetford (“Town”) by incentivizing and supporting economic growth and success in the Town’s agriculture sector by minimizing property tax burdens on farmland pursuant to tax stabilization agreements.

### **II. Authority**

In 2021, voters gave the Selectboard general authority to enter into tax stabilization agreements with owners, lessees, bailees, or operators of agricultural property, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2741(b)(1). Pursuant to this authority, the Selectboard may now enter into these agreements following an application from one of those interest holders.

### **III. Applicability**

This policy applies only to “farmland” as defined below.

Tax stabilization will be applicable to the Municipal Tax only. It does not include State Education Tax. Tax Stabilization Agreements (TSA) will be for real property only, and will not apply to personal property. The Selectboard will review all Tax Stabilization Applications, and will be the final authority in granting a TSA.

### **IV. Definitions**

“Farmland” means real estate, exclusive of any housesite, which is actively and exclusively devoted to farming and is operated or leased as a farm enterprise by the owner, as defined by 24 V.S.A. § 2741.

“Farming” means cultivating, operating, or managing a farm for gain or profit.

The term “farm” is used in its ordinary and accepted sense, and generally means land used for the production of crops, fruits, or other agricultural products or for the sustenance of livestock or poultry. A farm may include livestock, dairy, poultry, fish, fruit, fur-bearing animals, and truck farms, plantations, ranches, nurseries, ranges, orchards, feed yards for fattening cattle, and greenhouses and other similar structures used primarily for the raising of agricultural or horticultural commodities. Greenhouses and other similar structures that are used primarily for purposes other than the raising of agricultural or horticultural commodities do not constitute farmland, as, for example, structures that are used primarily for the display, storage, fabrication, or sale of wreaths, corsages, and bouquets, as defined by 26 C.F.R. § 48.6420-4.

“Housesite” includes any house, mobile home, or other residential dwelling, as well as the surrounding the two acres of land.

For purposes of this policy, “farmer” means a person, whether an individual or other corporate entity, who is required to pay municipal property taxes on farmland in the Town.

## **V. Applicant Eligibility**

Any farmer may apply. To be eligible for a contract, individual farmers must derive at least two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ; 66.7%) of their gross family income (including dependent children) from farming. Other farmers must derive at least two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ; 66.7%) of their gross income from farming. Applicants shall verify their income by submitting copies of their Federal Income Tax Return.

## **VI. Mandatory Contract Terms**

All contracts shall include, in addition to any others, the following terms:

- a. All real property subject to the tax stabilization agreement shall be used as farmland at all times during the term of the agreement.
- b. Each year, the farmer shall verify that they derive at least two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ; 66.7%) of their gross income from farming by submitting copies of their Federal Income Tax Return.
- c. In the event that the farmer acquires additional agricultural lands and uses them for farming, the Town of Thetford and the farmer may amend the tax stabilization agreement to include these new agricultural lands. The additional agricultural lands shall be taxed at full market value unless the tax stabilization agreement is amended to include the additional lands.
- d. If the farmer trades a portion of their agricultural land for another piece of agricultural land, the farmer must notify the Selectboard and provide a detailed description of the lands traded within thirty (30) days; the tax stabilization agreement will apply to the newly-acquired land as long as the farmer uses it consistently with the terms of the tax stabilization agreement.
- e. Housesites are excluded from tax stabilization under any tax stabilization agreements.
- f. The farmer shall inform the Selectboard of any material changes in the ownership, occupancy, or operation of the farm within thirty (30) days of the date of the change. Any material changes in the ownership, occupancy, or operation of the farm will result in the termination of the contract, unless the farmer obtains the written consent of the Selectboard within thirty (30) days of the date of said change.

g. Withdrawal of acreage from farming shall result in an amendment of the tax stabilization agreement to reflect the reduced number of acres used as farmland. Upon withdrawing acreage from farming, the farmer shall notify the Selectboard within thirty (30) days of withdrawing any acreage from farming.

h. If the farmer does not meet the income target relative to total income in any given year after the agreement is signed, the Selectboard will determine the impact on the farmer's taxes to be collected. The requirement that a farmer make two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ; 66.7%) of their income from farming may be waived by a vote of the Selectboard should the Board determine that such a requirement would place an unreasonable burden on a beginning farmer. In this event, the Selectboard may set a requirement of less than two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ; 66.7%) of gross income, but such lower limit shall not be for a period of longer than three (3) years.

i. If the farmer sells any farmland then subject to a tax stabilization agreement, they shall remit to the Town a sum equal to the difference between (i) the amount of taxes which would have been due if the sold farmland had been taxed at 100% of fair market value, and (ii) the taxes actually paid by the farmer under the agreement (or any preceding agreement) attributable to the sold farmland for the three years immediately preceding the sale.

j. If the State of Vermont, or other governmental entity, shall, during the term of this Agreement, grant to the farmer tax relief by subsidy or other payment which directly, or indirectly, reduces the amount of tax on the farmland subject to a tax stabilization agreement, the farmer and the Town shall re-negotiate the agreement to adequately reflect such payments.

k. In the event the farmer causes any portion or all of the farmland covered by a tax stabilization agreement to be eligible for "current use" valuation, the agreement and the obligations hereunder shall terminate at the election of the Town, or shall be subject to review and re-negotiation, such that the amount of tax paid on such land shall reflect such change so that the overall benefits and losses provided for in the tax stabilization agreement shall not be materially changed.

l. Any tax stabilization agreement shall terminate at any time upon failure of the farmer to meet its terms and conditions. No tax stabilization agreement may be for a term exceeding five years.

m. The following formula shall apply:

Formula to Be Used for Determining Taxes to Be Paid:

Year 1	10% of Fair Market Value
Year 2	20% of Fair Market Value



Year 3	40% of Fair Market Value
Year 4	60% of Fair Market Value
Year 5	80% of Fair Market Value

**VII. Duration**

No tax stabilization agreement may be for a term exceeding five (5) years. If a tax stabilization agreement is for a term of less than five (5) years, the term of any extension or renewal of that agreement shall not result in farmland being subject to tax stabilization for a total period that exceeds five (5) years.

**VIII. Application Process**

A farmer applying for a tax stabilization agreement must provide the following information to the Town Manager, who will conduct a preliminary review for eligibility and complete information, and then forward it to the Selectboard at its next meeting:

- Identity and contact information of applicant farmer; and
- Location and description of property that is proposed to be subject to a tax stabilization agreement, including:
  - o Address
  - o Parcel ID#
  - o Description of property’s use during the preceding five (5) years
  - o Description of proposed use as farmland, such as crops grown, livestock raised, summary of expected agriculture practices; et cetera.
  - o Current assessment of property; and
- Any permits concerning the property issued by State or Town authorities within the preceding five (5) years; and
- Copies of any notices of violation or administrative action concerning the property issued by State or Town authorities within the preceding five (5) years; and
- Federal Income Tax Return verifying that two-thirds (⅔; 66.7%) of gross income (or gross family income in the case of an individual) is derived from farming.

After the application is received by the Town Manager, the Selectboard shall meet with the Town Manager in executive session to discuss the proposed TSA. The Selectboard will review the application, and determine if additional information is needed, if the application is to be carried over to a following meeting, or to approve or deny the TSA application. The approval or denial decision is that of the Selectboard only.

Selectboard decisions on a TSA application will be made on a case-by-case basis, unconstrained by precedent. In all cases, TSAs will be granted upon finding that there is a demonstrated benefit to the town, including but not limited to economic, social, community aesthetics benefit, employment creation or retention, and an increase or retention of Grand List values, which will ultimately yield higher tax revenue.

Applicants are encouraged to attend the Selectboard meeting to present their application.

All owners of the property subject to an agreement must sign the tax stabilization agreement, including partners, co-owners, and any corporate parent entity.

THETFORD SELECTBOARD

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon Harkay, Chair

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DATE

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David Goodrich, Vice Chair

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Li Shen

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Mary Bryant

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Steve Tofel



**Application ID:** DLL - Application - 21514  
**Application for:** Second Class License  
**Category of Business:** Second Class

### Business/ Entity Information

**Business/ Entity Name:** AR GENERAL STORE CORP  
**Business ID:** 0418899  
**Business Address:** 10 Whittier Drive,  
Bow, New Hampshire 03304  
**Entity Type:** Business Corporation  
**Phone:** 3474764700  
**Management Type if LLC:** Not Indicated  
**Email:** argeneral7788@gmail.com

### People Information

- **Person:**  
ANKIT PATEL

**Business Role:** Business Principal  
**Email:** argeneral7788@gmail.com  
**Business Address:** 10 Whittier Drive,  
BOW, New Hampshire, 03304  
**US Citizen?** Yes  
**Phone:** 3474674700  
**Political Position**  
**Name:** ANKIT PATEL  
**Office:**  
**Jurisdiction:**

#### Violations:

Violation ID	Court/Traffic Bureau	Offense	Date of Offense
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- **Person:**  
NARAYANBHAI PATEL



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1 **Selectboard Special Re-Organizational Meeting \*Draft\* Minutes**  
2 **Thetford Town Offices**  
3 **(w/Virtual Attendance Option)**  
4 **Monday, March 13, 2023 7:00 PM**  
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6 Selectboard members present: Mary Bryant, David Goodrich, Sharon Harkay, Li Shen, Steve Tofel  
7 Others present: Town Manager Bryan Gazda (via Zoom), Town Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Borst, DPW  
8 Foreman Dale Lewis (via Zoom)  
9 Participating community members: Liz Ryan Cole (via chat), Noel (via chat)

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11 Town Manager Bryan Gazda called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.  
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13 **1. Swearing in of Re-Elected Selectboard Members**

14 Tracy Borst conducted the swearing in of Sharon Harkay and Steve Tofel, who were re-elected to the  
15 Selectboard.  
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17 **2. Election of Selectboard Chair – Town Manager Presides**

18 Bryan Gazda asked for nominations for the Selectboard Chair.  
19 Mary Bryant nominated Sharon Harkay as Selectboard Chair. Sharon accepts the nomination. Bryan  
20 called for nominations 2 more times. Without more nominations a vote was called for Sharon as Chair.  
21 VOTE by Roll Call: Mary Bryant – in favor, Steve Tofel – in favor, Li Shen – in favor, David Goodrich –  
22 in favor, Sharon Harkay – in favor. Sharon is elected and Bryan Gazda turns the meeting over to her.  
23 Sharon thanked the Selectboard members for their continued support and asked for Vice-Chair  
24 nominations.  
25

26 **3. Election of Selectboard Vice-Chair**

27 Mary Bryant thanked Li Shen for her service as Vice-Chair, and nominated David Goodrich for Vice-  
28 Chair. David accepts the nomination. VOTE by Roll Call: Mary Bryant – in favor, Steve Tofel – in favor,  
29 David Goodrich – in favor, Li Shen – in favor, Sharon Harkay – in favor. David Goodrich is now Vice-  
30 Chair.  
31

32 **4. Town Manager Report**

33 **• Town HVAC Update**

34 Bryan received an update from EEI, and they are scheduled to start next Monday. The work will happen  
35 in phases, beginning in the older section of Town Hall and is expected to last 4-6 weeks.

36 **• Town Facilities Update**

37 Bryan and Dale Lewis have been meeting with an architect concerning the town garage and the Timothy  
38 Frost building. He has also been looking into asbestos remediation for the former caretaker building at  
39 Treasure Island.

40 **• Damaged Tires Update**

41 Bryan has been reaching out to individuals who claimed tire damage and is still working to get more  
42 clarification.

43 **• Delinquent Tax Sale**

44 As of today, Bryan signed liens for 5 parcels, and a tax sale will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at Town  
45 Hall.

46 **• Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

47 Mariah Whitcomb met with Connor Wrigley, who is leading up the plan as a consultant from TRORC. He  
48 would like to put together a committee including the Police and Fire Chiefs, the DPW Foreman, the



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1 Zoning Administrator, and one member from the Selectboard. They plan on 3-4 meetings with the  
2 committee then a few informational meetings for the public.  
3 Steve Tofel asked about the process for the delinquent tax sales.  
4 Mary Bryant asked for clarification concerning the meetings with the architects about the Timothy Frost  
5 building and asked about the asbestos mitigation at Treasure Island.  
6 Sharon, Li and David Goodrich are all interested in being on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan  
7 committee.  
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## 9 **5. Public Comment**

10 Dale Lewis, DPW Foreman, wanted residents to know it will be slow going with plowing tomorrow  
11 because the roads are so soft. They will get it done, but it will be slow going.  
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## 13 **6. Appointment of Authorized Signatories 24 V.S.A. § 1623(a)(1)**

14 **Motion** by Li Shen that the chair and the vice-chair be appointed the authorized signatories. All in favor,  
15 **motion passed.**  
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## 17 **7. Designation of Newspaper of Record**

18 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to designate the Journal Opinion as the newspaper of record. All in favor,  
19 **motion passed.**  
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## 21 **8. 2023 Selectboard Rules of Procedure, including Scheduling of Regular Selectboard** 22 **Meetings**

23 **Motion** to accept the Rules and Procedures for the year 2023, with the small number of changes  
24 discussed. All in favor, **motion passed.**  
25

## 26 **9. Appointment of Selectboard Liaisons**

27 The Selectboard discussed adding a regular agenda item for committee/commission liaison news. Steve  
28 Tofel will be the liaison for the Library Federation. No other changes were made.  
29

## 30 **10. Scheduling of and Structuring of the Selectboard Meeting of Annual Priorities**

31 The Selectboard will review the 2022 list of annual priorities and individually send a list of what they  
32 would like for 2023 to their clerk for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.  
33

## 34 **11. Re-Appointments to Committees and Commissions including Discussion of Status of** 35 **Treasure Island Exploratory Committee**

36 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Janet Dowell to the Conservation Commission for a 4-year term  
37 ending in 2027. All in favor, **motion passed.**

38 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Bill Bridge to the Development Review Board for a 3-year term  
39 ending in 2026. All in favor, **motion passed.**

40 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Chuck Cole to the Thetford Joint Energy Committee for a 3-year  
41 term ending in 2026. All in favor, **motion passed.**

42 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Alice Stewart to the Thetford Joint Energy Committee for a 3-  
43 year term ending in 2026. All in favor, **motion passed.**

44 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Stephen Branchflower to the Historic Preservation Committee for  
45 a 3-year term ending in 2026. All in favor, **motion passed.**

46 There was discussion about the reappointment to the Planning Commission. Sharon asked the Selectboard  
47 to review the audio recording of the Planning Commission's last meeting before making the  
48 reappointment. This reappointment was deferred to the next meeting, when it will be discussed.



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- 1 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Charlotte Rutledge to the Recreation Advisory Council for a 3-
- 2 year term ending in 2026. All in favor, motion passed.
- 3 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Joe Deffner to the Recreation Advisory Council for a 3-year term
- 4 ending in 2026. All in favor, motion passed.
- 5 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Sarah Martel to the Thetford Housing Committee for a 3-year
- 6 term ending in 2026. All in favor, motion passed.
- 7 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Pippa Drew to the Thetford Housing Committee for a 3-year term
- 8 ending in 2026. All in favor, motion passed.
- 9 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Pril Hall to the Thetford Elder Network for a 4-year term ending
- 10 in 2027. All in favor, motion passed.
- 11 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Sue Rump to the Thetford Elder Network for a 4-year term ending
- 12 in 2027. All in favor, motion passed.
- 13 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Inge Trebitz to the Thetford Elder Network for a 4-year term
- 14 ending in 2027. All in favor, motion passed.
- 15 **Motion** to reappoint Jessica Eaton as Town Service Officer for a 1-year term. All in favor, motion
- 16 passed.
- 17 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Jessica Eaton as a member of the Tri-Town Commission for a 3-
- 18 year term ending in 2026. All in favor, motion passed.
- 19 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint David Goodrich as the Upper Valley Ambulance liaison for a 1-
- 20 year term. All in favor, motion passed.
- 21 The Selectboard agreed to make the Treasure Island Exploratory Committee a permanent town committee
- 22 with the name Treasure Island Committee. The Selectboard members will work individually on what they
- 23 think a charge should be and discuss at the next meeting.
- 24 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint David Roth to the Treasure Island Committee for a 3-year term
- 25 ending in 2026. All in favor, motion passed.
- 26 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Jim Zien to the Treasure Island Committee for a 2-year term
- 27 ending in 2025. All in favor, motion passed.
- 28 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Dale Gephart to the Treasure Island Committee for a 3-year term
- 29 ending in 2026. All in favor, motion passed.
- 30 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Ann Jane Kemon to the Treasure Island Committee for a 2-year
- 31 term ending in 2025. All in favor, motion passed.
- 32 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Lucas Stepno to the Treasure Island Committee for a 2-year term
- 33 ending in 2025. All in favor, motion passed.
- 34 **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to reappoint Doug Tiffit to the Treasure Island Committee for a 3-year term
- 35 ending in 2026. All in favor, motion passed.
- 36 Tracy Borst read a comment in the chat from Liz Ryan Cole stating she was surprised at the Board's
- 37 decision to pass on her interest in continuing with the Planning Commission. She asked if the Selectboard
- 38 was really going to observe how the Planning Commission works out their issues and then decide on her
- 39 reappointment. Sharon replied that it was complicated, and no reflection on Liz and the work she has been
- 40 doing on the commission. Sharon said she was not intending to be disrespectful but had been asked by a
- 41 member of the commission to listen to the meeting. Sharon has asked the whole Board to listen and thinks
- 42 it will be more prudent to hold the decision off for another week.
- 43 Marty Betts read another comment in the chat from Joel who asked if the Board would be discussing the
- 44 Thetford/Lyme Bridge, specifically a pedestrian bike span and the CDS fund application. Bryan Gazda
- 45 replied that he would have more information about the plans for the bridge construction at the next
- 46 Selectboard meeting.
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1           **12. Convening of the Local Liquor Control Board**

2   **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to suspend the Selectboard meeting and convene a meeting of the Local Liquor  
3 Control Board. All in favor, motion passed.

4   **Motion** by Steve Tofel to approve the application for the beer and wine license for Huggett's Mobile  
5 Market. All in favor, motion passed.

6   **Motion** by Sharon Harkay to adjourn the meeting of the Local Liquor Control Board and reconvene the  
7 Selectboard Meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

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9           **13. Warrants and Minutes**

10 #5.4   \$27,189.30

11 #9.1   \$1,151,438.77

12   **Motion** by Mary Bryan to approve the warrants as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

13   **Motion** by Mary Bryant to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as amended.

14 All in favor, motion passed.

15 Sharon asked Bryan if Tucker Hill Road could be posted. Bryan said that DPW Foreman Dale Lewis  
16 checked with the state, and there is no reason why it can't be posted. The Selectboard will need to make a  
17 motion to add it to the previously approved list of roads. Li clarified that what the Board wanted to know  
18 was if the condition of the road warrants posting. Sharon said she thought based on the condition of the  
19 road it should be posted. Bryan will check with Dale about the condition of the road.

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21           **14. Adjourn**

22   **Motion** by Steve Tofel to end the Selectboard meeting at 9:07 PM. All in favor, motion passed.

20:38:41 From Liz Ryan Cole to Everyone:

I am really surprised by the Board's decision to pass on my interest in continuing on the PC. Are you really saying that the SB is going to watch how we work out our issues, and then decide whether I should be reappointed? I want to confirm that before you end your meeting.

20:40:44 From Liz Ryan Cole to Everyone:

I would point out that I did not get a email asking me if I wanted to be reappointed (as did everyone else I am aware of)

20:42:36 From Tracy Borst to Everyone:

Liz I will pass on your message before they vote.

20:43:35 From Liz Ryan Cole to Everyone:

So can only you (Tracy) see what is I the chat?

20:44:05 From Tracy Borst to Everyone:

the board cannot - Martie and I can

20:44:20 From Liz Ryan Cole to Everyone:

OK - yes please so share my comment with the SB.

20:44:36 From Liz Ryan Cole to Everyone:

"Do" share

20:44:55 From Tracy Borst to Everyone:

ok liz - anyone on the meeting can see this - the board does not. sorry about that.

20:45:58 From Martie - Selectboard Assistant to Liz Ryan Cole(Direct Message):

Hi Liz, the committee/commission chairs were emailed with those in their committees who were due to be re-appointed. They were to reach out to those people and see if they wanted to be re-appointed. David did tell me that you were interested. M

20:51:30 From Liz Ryan Cole to Everyone:

Thank you for this information.

20:52:13 From Martie - Selectboard Assistant to Everyone:

Reacted to "Thank you for this i..." with 👍

21:01:03 From Joel to Everyone:

Tracy, please ask the Board whether they'll have any discussion tonight regarding correspondence sent to the Board concerning the Thetford / Lyme Bridge....specifically a pedestrian bike span and CDS fund application. Thank you.

21:02:42 From Tracy Borst to Everyone:

Hello Joel, we will catch them for you

21:03:09 From Joel to Everyone:

thx Tracy

21:07:20 From Martie - Selectboard Assistant to Joel(Direct Message):

If you want the recording or minutes to a previous meeting, they can be found on the calendar event on our webpage.

21:07:27 From Martie - Selectboard Assistant to Joel(Direct Message):

you can email me at mbetts@thetfordvt.gov