



Town of Thetford Vermont

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Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes Thetford Town Offices (w/Virtual Attendance Option) Monday, October 2, 2023 7:00 PM

Selectboard members present: Chair Sharon Harkay, Vice-Chair David Goodrich, David Forbes

Selectboard members absent: Li Shen, Steve Tofel

Others present: Town Manager Brian Story, DPW Foreman Dale Lewis, Selectboard Assistant Martie Betts

Sharon Harkay called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Agenda Review

Sharon said she would like to add an item reaffirming the retirement plan for Chief Scruggs after public comment. All agreed.

2. Notes from the Selectboard Chair

Sharon said there has been a resignation from the Planning Commission. Cynthia Shelton submitted her resignation effective September 15th, 2023. Sharon thanked Cynthia for her time of service. The position needs to be filled with a term ending in 2025.

3. Town Manager Report – Brian Story

Brian updated the Selectboard on the preparations for winter being made by the Department of Public Works.

Work is being done on scheduling a drug take-back day for prescription drugs.

Brian wanted to bring the Board's attention to the contract for the reappraisal services. The Board has already approved the contract, but Brian thought they might want to review the wording.

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Retirement Plan

Motion by Sharon Harkay that we reaffirm that we fully intended to have our Police Chief, Michael Scruggs, stay with VMERS Group C retirement plan even though he is technically now a town employee. VOTE by Roll Call; David Forbes – in favor, David Goodrich – in favor, Sharon Harkay – in favor **Motion carried.**

6. Warrants and Minutes

#36.1 \$104,977.20

#20.2 \$44,727.96

#35.1 \$5,023.55

#19.2 \$9,153.27

#19.4 Check Warrant Report \$22,818.78

Motion by David Goodrich to approve the warrants as presented. VOTE: All in favor (3-0-0). **Motion carried.**

Motion by David Forbes to accept the Selectboard meeting minutes as revised of September 19, 2023. VOTE: All in favor (3-0-0). **Motion carried.**

7. Anticipated Executive Session Regarding the Status of the Post Mills Airport Property and Possible Next Steps with Attorney Brian Monaghan, and Discussion of Possible New England Police Benevolent Association Contract Changes per 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1).

Sharon Harkay moved to find that premature, general public discussion of this subject would clearly put the Selectboard, public and persons involved at a substantial disadvantage, therefore Sharon made a **motion** to enter into Executive Session Regarding the Status of the Post Mills Airport Property and Possible New England Police Benevolent Association Contract Changes, and to invite Town Manager Brian Story and Town Attorney Brian Monahan to the discussion. VOTE by Roll Call: David Forbes – in favor, David Goodrich – in favor, Sharon Harkay – in favor. **Motion carried.**

After leaving Executive Session, Sharon Harkay said no action would be taken on either item discussed.

8. Adjourn

Motion by David Forbes to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 8:44 PM. VOTE: All in favor (3-0-0). **Motion carried.**