



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Special Meeting May 20, 2025

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Town Hall Meeting Room C and via Zoom

Minutes

Zoom Details:

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Meeting ID: 616 584 3896 | Passcode: 5243524

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CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM

SELECTBOARD PRESENT

Chair Kristina Senna, Vice Chair Brian Dunsmore, Kellie Bosenberg, Paul Jansen, Carl Rosenquist

STAFF PRESENT

Kollene Caspers, Lori Hobart, Stacy Katon

GUESTS PRESENT

Library Trustees: Deb Mann, Terry Cleveland, Nicole Jamison; Bridget Stone (Library Director), Noah Lavallee (via Zoom)

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIR UPDATE

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- P. Jansen requested the addition of an executive session to discuss the beach contract.
- C. Rosenquist requested the addition of Parade Committee to allow S. Katon's horses to participate in Georgia's Memorial Day parade. The Selectboard approved the horses in the parade.
- C. Rosenquist requested the addition of the Selectboard to pursue the Feasibility Study for the water system and waste treatment system at Perrigo. C. Rosenquist, P. Jansen and Tim Smith with GIDC will review preliminary requests for proposals. The Selectboard agreed to proceed.

Motion to add the Executive Session to discuss Beach Contract to the Agenda.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by K. Bosenberg.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist

- S. Katon let the Selectboard know discussion on a Bike Path grant for Planning and Zoning will be added to the May 28th Selectboard Regular Meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (For items not on agenda)

All participants must clearly state their names. Appropriate actions will be considered once the Selectboard has reviewed the information provided and necessary subsequent research.

- N. Lavallee requested clarification for cell tower funds, and if the payments go into general funds. L. Hobart concurred.
- N. Lavallee asked if any road work is paid from general funds, and Chair Senna explained that any shortfalls in funds for road maintenance will come out of general funds.
- N. Lavallee gave an update on the Bovat Road maintenance project and Bovat Road resident participation.
- N. Lavallee questioned the GCC and if there is plans for a potential Silver Lake Hiking Trail to connect to cell tower/forest. The Selectboard is unaware at this time of any such plans.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)

A. Approval of Warrants #2515

Motion to approve the warrant

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by C. Rosenquist.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist

B. SFY26 Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid-Program Letter of Intent-Approval & Signatures

Motion to approve Chair Senna to Sign the Municipal Letter of Intent

Comments: Noah Lavallee wanted to see maps as the web link was not currently available.

Chair Senna explained the document was a letter of intent.

Motion made by P. Jansen, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, P. Jansen, C. Rosenquist

C. Facilities Use Policy-Action to Approve

Town Offices Meeting Room, eliminate payment and keep the deposit. Maintenance of the building.

- Library Trustees explained there are currently no fees, no deposits for community room rental, only nonprofits have been using the community room.
- Question of the maximum number of people in the GPL community room, S. Katon will reach out to the Fire Marshall to get the correct allowed number.
- B. Stone questioned the definition of department head, Chair Senna explained the Department Head is that party who is in charge of the budget and to use the GPL Trustee Bylaws to explain further.
- It was suggested the library community room eliminate payment and keep the deposit. Any revenue for renting the library community room goes to the town for building maintenance.
- Discussion on the Town's Personnel Policy and the GPL. The Town's Personnel Policy can be adopted by GPL Trustees, or a separate policy can be adopted, but the Town does not have to supply HR, treasurer's assistance, etc. According to the Town attorney, this can get "very messy, administratively and financially and legally."
- S. Katon will incorporate the changes and edits made to the Facilities Use policy and the policy will go back to the Agenda for the next regular Selectboard meeting.

D. Personnel Policy-Review Edits

- Personnel Policy discussion, the Selectboard decided to go line by line to review the policy.
- S. Katon gave notes on the Personnel Policy to the Selectboard from S. Stone and T. Cadieux. The Georgia Public Library Trustees and Library Director were present for the Selectboard's policy review.
- Edits and changes to the policy were made, and Selectboard answered clarifying questions when presented.
- S. Katon will incorporate the changes and edits made to the Personnel Policy and the policy will go back to the Agenda for the next regular Selectboard meeting.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313)**

Chair Senna would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel-Beach Contract which premature disclosure or discussion may be detrimental to the board in itself and/or individuals involved.

Chair Senna would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the above with Town Administrator S. Katon under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes.

Motion to Move into Executive Session at 8:15pm

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist, K. Bosenberg, P. Jansen

Motion to invite S. Katon to join the Executive Session

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist, K. Bosenberg, P. Jansen

Motion to exit from Executive Session at 8:50pm

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by P. Jansen

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist, K. Bosenberg, P. Jansen

No action taken following Executive Session.

8. **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 8:50pm

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by P. Jansen

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist, K. Bosenberg, P. Jansen

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Signed: Stacy Katon, Town Administrator

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