



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Regular Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2024

Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom

Minutes

6:00 p.m.

Zoom Details:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- **Selectboard Present:** Devon Thomas Chair, Shannon Jenkins Vice-Chair, Carl Rosenquist
- **Selectboard Absent:** Nicholas Martin
- **Selectboard Zoom:** Jamie Comstock
- **Staff Present:** Dawn Penney, April Edwards
- **Staff Zoom:** Cheryl Letourneau
- **Public Present:** Suzanna Brown, Heather Dunsmore, Heather Grimm, Fred Grimm, Martha Jansen
- **Public Zoom:** Karen Heinlein-Grenier, Terry Cleveland, Todd Cadieux, Bridget Stone, Frank Gore, Bethany Langevin, Kristina Senna, Sue Webster
- **At 6:00 p.m.** – D. Thomas called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CHAIR UPDATE

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- C. Rosenquist make a motion to add payroll warrants: 2024-001, 002, 003, 004, 2024-0021, 0033 to the agenda, S. Jenkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. Thomas said that S. Brown asked to be added as the Transportation Advisory Committee representative. C. Rosenquist made a motion to add this to the agenda, S. Jenkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried. She is added first under board business.

5. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

- A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for 01.22.2024

- C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve 01.22.2024 minutes with corrections, S. Jenkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

01.17.2024 Budget meeting minutes

- C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve the 01.17.2024 minutes with corrections. This motion was not seconded and failed on the floor. C. Rosenquist asked for the time to be added to the top of the minutes.
- Discussion was had with “Special” versus “Budget” in the meeting title.
- S. Jenkins made a motion to move the 01.17.2024 minutes to the next meeting, C. Rosenquist seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

01.03.2024 Budget meeting corrections on approved minutes. Removal of S. Jenkins name from attendance and added the missing start time.

- C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve the 01.03.2024 minutes with corrections, S. Jenkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Approval of Warrants #2 & #3

- C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve Warrant #2, S. Jenkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve Warrant #3, S. Jenkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Approval of Warrants 2024-001, 2024-002, 2024-003, 2024-004, 2024-0021, 2024-03 - Addition

- C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve all of the payroll warrants as presented, S. Jenkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

6. 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.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

A. Transportation Advisory Committee – Suzanna Brown – Addition

- S. Brown presented information that the state is not putting new projects on the list for 2024. Nothing is happening soon. We are on the list for Route 7 from Milton to Georgia and the intersection of 104A and Route 7.
- C. Rosenquist asked if we were on the list for the Rugg Brook Bridge. Discussion was had on this, if the state would cover it, and the potential of coverage in an emergent situation.
- S. Brown said farms are now pumping their manure instead of hauling it. The pipes are being pumped through culverts or over roads. It is suggested that the town put a policy in place.
- C. Rosenquist said it would be nice to have a policy presented to them for consideration.

74 B. Library Grant

- 75 • B. Stone said she would like to apply for a grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries
76 for improvements that could potentially make the library ADA compliant. This has been
77 something that has been wanted for 20 years. She is looking for a letter of support and a
78 commitment that the library will not be moved until 2031 at least. There will be a \$1.4
79 million grant for one library in each county.
- 80 • C. Letourneau recommended legal writing the letter to ensure future boards will know about
81 the intent. B. Stone said it needs to be done. She is hoping to meet this week. S. Jenkins
82 and D. Thomas to plan meeting with B. Stone to work on this. C. Letourneau asked to be
83 notified if two board members are meeting so that she can properly warn it.

84 C. Falls Trail Gully - Action need to sign amendment for change.

- 85 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to have the chair sign the amendment, S. Jenkins seconded.
86 All in favor, motion carried.

87 D. DEI Statement - Committee discussion

- 88 • D. Thomas asked if T. Cleveland would like to say what she would want from the
89 committee because she had done some research.
- 90 • T. Cleveland said that when you adopted a statement instead of a policy everyone agreed
91 that would not be the end of it. She proposed a committee be formed to look into grants
92 available for up to \$10,000 to promote DEI in the community. She would be happy to start
93 the ball rolling on that.
- 94 • C. Rosenquist said the board approved a statement of inclusion, not a committee. He wants
95 to make sure everyone knows these are two different things.
- 96 • J. Comstock corrected that they approved a declaration not a statement.
- 97 • D. Thomas said this will be a new committee with a new charge. Different from DEI,
98 different from what D. Thomas and S. Jenkins did, one to explore grants. What is the best
99 format to put a committee together. D. Thomas questioned if they made a motion to put
100 together a committee and asked if it would be better to wait for N. Martin to do that.
- 101 • T. Cleveland expressed worry that after the elections this will get lost. H. Dunsmore said T.
102 Cleveland is saying that those running are against it and she can say her husband is not. D.
103 Thomas said that T. Cleveland is just expressing an opinion.
- 104 • C. Letourneau asked how they are going to do this committee. D. Thomas said it is a
105 committee with a different charge. J. Comstock asked for the next agenda to have an action
106 item. D. Thomas agreed. C. Letourneau said they had a lot of interest last time. She asked
107 if they wanted her to collect letters. D. Thomas said not now because they have not decided
108 how they are going to move forward. C. Letourneau asked what the action item is for the
109 next agenda. D. Thomas said they will form a committee and the selectboard will decide
110 how they are going to put people on it. T. Cleveland suggested asking people if they have
111 any experience writing grants.

112 **10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES'**
113 **REPORTS**

114 A. Town Administrator

115 Dash Cameras for the highway trucks - \$55.00 per month

- 116 • C. Letourneau said T. Cadieux is looking for dash cameras into each of the highway
 117 trucks. Between the highway and fire trucks they would like to have them. The charge
 118 is approximately \$55 per month. He is still working on getting them and other pricing.
 119 H. Dunsmore asked if the fire department had cameras already. C. Letourneau
 120 confirmed that some do. It is just in the works, more details will come forward.

121 Eclipse

- 122 • C. Letourneau said they have ordered glasses. She asked if the selectboard would like
 123 to have a place for everyone to view or if they just want to hand glasses out. She hopes
 124 to have them before town meeting day to hand them out. Discussion was had on
 125 coverage, what other areas are doing, what we plan on doing.

126 B. Treasurer

127 C. Buildings

128 D. Budget and Finance

129 E. Personnel

- 130 • C. Rosenquist said he needed to get back together with N. Martin to review the
 131 Personnel Policy and the Conflict-of-Interest Policy. They still need to look at
 132 community and legal recommendations.

133 F. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation

134 GCEC update

- 135 • C. Letourneau said that K. Driver had resigned, and she reached out to Sara (Savich)
 136 and it did not seem like anyone wanted to chair. C. Letourneau decided to join up, she
 137 is chair, Kolleen Caspers is vice-chair. They have had some people join back. C.
 138 Letourneau wants to bring back the Memorial Day parade. She has reached out to
 139 people who used to be on that committee. The concerts on the green are back, the fall
 140 fest, and they are looking for more events. The next meeting is on 02.22.2024 and
 141 everyone is welcome.

142 G. Committees at the direction of the chair

143 **11. OTHER**

144 **12. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

145 A. 02/26/2024 Regular Meeting

146 02/28/2024 Informational Meeting for Town Meeting

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

- 148 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to go into Executive Session where early disclosure may
 149 put an individual or the board at a disadvantage, S. Jenkins seconded. All in favor,
 150 motion carried.
 151 • D. Thomas requested two separate motions.
 152 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to invite the board, C. Letourneau, and D. Penney into
 153 Executive Session, S. Jenkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

154 A. EMS Contract

155 B. VSP & MPD Contracts

- 156 • At **7:47 p.m.** – C. Rosenquist made a motion to exit Executive Session, S. Jenkins
157 seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
158 • It is noted there were no motions out of Executive Session.

159 **14. ADJOURN**

- 160 • At **7:48 p.m.** – C. Rosenquist made a motion to adjourn, J. Comstock seconded. All in
161 favor, motion carried.

162 **TABLED ITEMS:**

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164 **Posted to the Town website, four designated places within the Town of Georgia (Town Clerk's**
165 **Office, Georgia Public Library, Maplefields & Georgia Market), and e-mailed to the local media.**

166 **Signed: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator**

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