



Town of Shelburne, Vermont

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting

Friday, March 27, 2020

Shelburne Town Offices, 5420 Shelburne Road, Shelburne, Vermont

NOTE: This was a “remote” meeting, with Town Manager Lee Krohn physically present in Meeting Room 2 pursuant to statute, and Selectboard members and others all present by telephone conference call.

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Call to Order

Chair Storey called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M., and held a “roll call” since all but Town Manager Lee Krohn and Finance Director Peter Frankenburg participated by teleconference. Board members present: Chair Jerry Storey, Vice Chair Jaime Heins, Mary Kehoe, Mike Ashooh, Kate Lalley; members of the public Don Porter, Tom Denenberg, Tom Tompkins, Ken Albert, Roz Graham, Catherine Collette, Joyce George, Kevin Unrath, Jason Grignon, and a VCAM staffer.

*Approve Agenda

Motion by Heins to approve with the addition of liquor license consideration at the end of the meeting; seconded by Lalley and approved unanimously.

*Approve meeting minutes of March 10, 2020

Motion by Kehoe to approve as submitted; seconded by Ashooh and approved unanimously.

Public Comments

In response to Sean Moran’s question whether the Selectboard would respond to recent accusations against the Planning Director and Planning Commission, no future Selectboard meetings have yet been scheduled. Joyce George offered to share experience with rental housing when the “AirBnB” matter comes back up for discussion.

Selectboard Comments

It is hoped that all are and will remain well. Thanks were expressed to Krohn for calm, competent handling of current events regarding the pandemic and keeping the community informed; appreciation was also expressed for staff and first responders for their continued efforts in service to our community.

*Economic support of local businesses related to impacts of COVID-19

Storey opened the conversation about forming a temporary committee to analyze current circumstances regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and local businesses, and to determine and recommend ideas to the Selectboard regarding finances, budget, and actions that the Town might take (or encourage others to take) that might help assist local businesses. This is important especially in the short run, as any SBA or other assistance that might become available from the federal government will likely take a fair bit of time.

It was suggested that Don Porter take the lead on this, and was agreed that this work is of immediate importance. Krohn and Frankenburg will assist as they are able. The committee will abide by the open meeting law and the Town's ethics ordinance. Given current circumstances, it is anticipated that meetings will continue to occur remotely; teleconferencing options are being explored to facilitate interaction. Members asked to serve were thanked for their time and effort.

Motion by Lalley to form the PRO-TEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TOWN COVID-19 FINANCIAL AND FISCAL RESPONSES, and to appoint the following members: Don Porter, Tom Denenberg, Roz Graham, Catherine Collette, Tim Williams, and Ken Albert; seconded by Heins and approved unanimously. Krohn noted that work is underway to evaluate several different teleconferencing options; Sunday would be the earliest practical day to meet given notice requirements; and that he has already asked the Town Attorney for guidance on matters related to economic assistance from Town to local businesses.

*Schedule for Selectboard approval of bills/warrants

Frankenburg proposed a schedule, an annual housekeeping matter. Motion by Ashooh to approve the schedule as proposed; seconded by Kehoe and approved unanimously.

*Town strategies and operations related to 'stay home/stay safe' orders

Krohn noted that given the abundant recent communications, all were well aware of strategies in use to date regarding staffing and safe practices. He will continue to keep the Board and community informed.

Motion by Kehoe to reconvene as the local liquor control commission; seconded by Lalley and approved unanimously. Liquor license applications included:

First Class: Shelburne Tap House

Second Class: Spillane's Service Center

Third Class: Shelburne Tap House

No problems noted by the Police Chief.

Motion by Kehoe to approve all as presented; seconded by Heins and approved unanimously.

Motion by Ashooh to resume general session; seconded by Kehoe and approved unanimously.

Motion by Lalley to adjourn; seconded by Kehoe and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn.

For the Selectboard

Date