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**TOWN OF SHELBURNE
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES
JULY 12, 2022**

***Hybrid meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Ashooh (Chair), Kate Lalley, Matt Wormser. (Luce Hillman and Cate Cross were absent.)

ADMINISTRATION: Lee Krohn, Town Manager; Peter Frankenburg, Finance Director; Adele Gravitz, Planning Director; Kevin Unrath, Library Director; Diana Vachon, Town Clerk.

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the public participating in the meeting included Nancy Badami, Ann Hogan, Bill Deming, Candacecarsonhoffmann, Donna Fialkoff, Gail Albert, Jane Zenaty, John Goodrich, Judith Raven, Kenneth Albert, Lee Suskin, Linda, Linda Retchin, Linda Riell, Sean Moran, Don Porter, Mary Kehoe, Maureen, Patricia Fontaine, Rob Fish, Robilee Smith, Rowland Davis, Ryan Brown, Shelburne Town Host, Steve Baietti, Susan Moraska, Tom Zenaty, Tracey Beaudin, Vivian's iPhone, Zoom for Pierson Library, Media Factory.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Ashooh called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION by Kate Lalley, SECOND by Matt Wormser, to approve the agenda with the amendment to add approval of the July 7, 2022 special meeting minutes. VOTING: unanimous (3-0); motion carried.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES

July 7, 2022

MOTION by Kate Lalley, SECOND by Matt Wormser, to approve the minutes of 7/7/22 as presented. VOTING: unanimous (3-0); motion carried.

June 28, 2022

MOTION by Kate Lalley, SECOND by Matt Wormser, to approve the minutes of 6/28/22 as presented. VOTING: unanimous (3-0); motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was comment from the public in support of also awarding hazard (covid) pay to members of the Highway Dept. and Town Office staff.

- There was a question on the position of Shelburne on the sale of marijuana in town. The Selectboard noted action has not been taken on this issue yet.

6. SELECTBOARD COMMENTS

- Comments from residents on covid hazard pay will be taken under advisement.
- A statement was read regarding the renewal of the current Town Manager's contract. The decision to not renew the contract was amicable and professional.
- Antiques Roadshow at the Shelburne Museum was a good opportunity to showcase Shelburne.
- The passing of Cullen Bullard was mentioned.

7. TOWN MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE

Lee Krohn reported:

- The service of Cullen Bullard, volunteer firefighter for Shelburne for 55 years, was recognized.

8. PRESENTATION: Communications Union District

Rob Fish with the Vermont Community Broadband Board gave a presentation on providing broadband to under-served and not served addresses in Vermont through a communications union district (CUD) and how to establish a CUD which has no taxing power and is funded through grants and bonds. The question of establishing a CUD must be on the ballot for public vote. The Selectboard must decide whether to put the question on the ballot.

The Selectboard expressed support for having equitable access to broadband and suggested the Shelburne Finance Committee look at the funding mechanism. Questions/comments on the CUD covered rewiring to provide faster speed service, robust broadband having an impact on commercial and residential growth in town, providing more options and opportunities for people, being a great equalizer for communities. The Selectboard will make a decision on whether to add establishing a CUD on the ballot for public vote at the 7/26/22 meeting.

9. DISCUSSION: Local Options Tax

The Selectboard confirmed support for further researching a local options tax, educating the public on the matter, and letting the voters decide in March. There were also comments from the public in attendance in support of establishing a local options tax in Shelburne. Finance Committee Chair, Don Porter, commented that for the long run the town needs to find the best optimal mix of revenue sources to fund all the needs that the town has to fulfill the vision for the town for the future. Relying on the property tax alone is insufficient for property tax levels that are manageable in the community. There was further discussion of having a local options tax and ways to inform the townspeople and hear comments including contacting the Rotary Club, the farmers market, the local newspaper, sending out a mailer, doing presentations to groups in town.

10. ARPA COMMITTEE APPLICATION PROCESS

The Selectboard agreed the ARPA committee should be staffed by September 2022 and the committee can work through to the new year and provide recommendations. Matt Wormser said the application to serve on the committee is essentially complete and can be published.

Tom Zenaty mentioned the connectivity study results that will be available soon and incorporating this in conversations with the ARPA committee on how to spend ARPA funds.

The Selectboard will decide the composition of the ARPA committee in August.

11. CBC APPOINTMENT POLICY

The Selectboard agreed CBC Chairs can make recommendations on candidates, but all applications should be provided to the Selectboard. The language of the appointment policy needs to be clarified on this point. There was public comment in support of the Selectboard seeing all applications and selecting the candidate to fill a vacancy. Having a liaison from the Selectboard attend CBC meetings when applicants are being interviewed was suggested. Also, having members of the same family applying and serving on a CBC needs further discussion.

12. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION(s)

MOTION by Kate Lalley, SECOND by Matt Wormser, to suspend the regular Selectboard meeting and convene the Shelburne Liquor Control Commission meeting. VOTING: unanimous (3-0); motion carried.

2nd Class Liquor License: Shelburne Country Store

MOTION by Kate Lalley, SECOND by Matt Wormser, to approve a 2nd Class Liquor License for the new owners of the Shelburne Country Store.

DISCUSSION:

- **Diana Vachon noted the license is for the sale of gift baskets at the store.**

VOTING: unanimous (3-0); motion carried.

MOTION by Kate Lalley, SECOND by Matt Wormser, to adjourn the Shelburne Liquor Control Commission and reconvene the regular Selectboard meeting.

VOTING: unanimous (3-0); motion carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kate Lalley, SECOND by Matt Wormser, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTING: unanimous (3-0); motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

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For the Selectboard

Date