

# SelectBoard Meeting November 5 2020, 8am

*Attendance: John Ogden, Michael Jeffery, Chrystal Cleary, Lori Langevin, Andrea Ogden, Steve Hall*

Call to order 8:10am

Chrystal the Clerk reports that Election Day went really well, no problems, many volunteers and that our voter turnout was #1 the highest in the state at 94% (135 voters out of a checklist of 144)

The Selectboard renewed Jay Merrill's Winter Contract for the same terms as last year. Signed and will be mailed to Jay for his signing.

Michael Jeffery has done a lot of research into required and recommended Policies that the Town should have - reviewing those of 10 other towns and consulting with the VLCT. He presented a model Conflict of Interest Policy, which is required by law and which the Selectboard adopted today, The second Policy Michael presented was a Purchasing Policy. This is going to take further discussion as specific thresholds need to be set for purchase requiring SB approval or multiply bids. Michael explained the 4 sections needing thresholds:

- Incidental purchases
- Normal regular purchases
- Major Items
- Recurring spending

Michael recommended the Purchasing Policy of the Town of Hardwick as a possible equivalent example for Landgrove to follow. This subject is tabled while we examine the Towns budget and spends to advise next time on thresholds.

The Board of Abatement will be convened to decide the abatement of taxes due to error regarding the property of Jerry and Vivian Hassett. This matter is determined to be not as simple as a SB matter because it occurs over a number of years and the Board of Abatement is the appropriate vehicle for resolution.

The SB appointed Susan Lenox to the Board of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District.

The radar speed sign has been removed but the data has not been received yet. Rob Badger reports that when the sign was present, the results were fantastic, but once it was removed drivers resumed speeding again. John O. Said it's possible that to have a lasting effect, permanent radar signs may need to be considered.

Guardrail on Hapgood Pond Road at Willie's Corner was wiped out on Tuesday and needs replacing before winter if possible. Steve says thesis unlikely but he will call the guardrail companies and see if he can at least get them out to quote the job. The board observed that some sections of the guardrails in Landgrove are of an old, non-compliant design and will need replacing, but this will be expensive and should be planned for and incremental going forward.

Future meeting schedule was adjusted to allow for more meetings that won't conflict with Thursday holidays this year. The meetings are needed to wrap up the budget year and get ready for Town Report, which should be ready by the end of January. The SelectBoard meeting schedule will be posted on the website and runs thusly: Nov 19th, Dec 3rd, Dec 17, January 7, Jan 14, Jan 28th- all at 8 am on Thursdays,

Meeting Adjourned at 9:47AM