

**SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, July 24, 2023**  
**VIA ZOOM**  
**6:30 PM**

**CALLED MEETING TO ORDER:** 6:30 PM

**PRESENT:** Peter Romans, David Kelley, Eric Hanson, Ellen Celnik, Gary Circosta

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Greaves, Brett Stanciu

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Wakeboard Petitions  
Trapping Informational Meeting  
Executive Session: Personnel

**SET TAX RATE**

Brett explained the process for setting the tax rate. Gary noted that the 2024 Town budget was up 6.7%. The tax rate is up 7.7% as projected revenues are essentially unchanged.

Eric moved the tax rate be set as follows:

General tax	\$0.3907
Highway tax	\$0.3199
Local Agreement	<u>\$0.0005</u>

Local Municipal Tax	\$0.7111
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Homestead Ed Tax Rate	\$1.6940
Non-Homestead Ed Tax Rate	\$1.7143

Total Homestead Rate	\$2.4051
Total Non-Homestead Rate	\$2.4254

Seconded by Gary, motion carried unanimously.

**LINE OF CREDIT**

Gary noted that the Town needs a considerable amount of money to cover the flood repairs before FEMA payments. Community National Bank has offered a \$1,000,000 line of credit for 12 months at 5% interest only on the amount used.

Dave said he had talked with the Vermont Bond Bank and will continue to talk with them regarding their prospective options.

Eric moved to apply for the \$1,000,000 line of credit from Community National Bank at 5% interest for 12 months and it can be renewed for one additional 12-month period. The interest rate is fixed for each 12-month period. Seconded by Ellen.

Approved by unanimous vote.

Gary will get guidance from VLCT regarding funding from FEMA.

Eric credited Justin Michaud, Wetlands Ecologist from Vt. Dept. of Environ. Conservation with detailed account of damaged roads and priority list going forward.

### **CATER PERMIT & SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS**

Gary moved to approve the Request to Cater Permit submitted by For the Love of Food Catering, LLC at the Jasper Hill Anniversary Party on August 12, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

Gary Moved to approve the Special Events Permits submitted by Champlain Orchards, Inc. and Montpelier Vineyards, LLC for the Vermont Cheesemaker's Festival held on August 13, 2023 at HCA

Approved by unanimous vote.

### **CURB CUT**

Peter noted that he and Tom looked at the curb cut location

Gary Moved to approve the Curb Cut submitted by Jan Terwiesch/Parker Coleman at 377 North Shore Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **FLOOD UPDATE**

Peter reported that great strides were made on the damage caused by the flood. Sicard has done incredible work on Craftsbury Road and The Bend Road. The bridge on Shadow Lake is condemned. A State hydraulic study is needed. Peter was notified of a temporary bridge in Fletcher that is gifted to the Town. Transportation here is a concern. Peter will look into it.

Peter reported that there is concern for Helen Dimick on Dimick Road. The private bridge was damaged/destroyed which was her only access. It is our #1 priority to get access for individuals for emergency services to residents. This is her only access. Peter will look at it tomorrow.

Photos of damage before, during and after are needed for documentation. These need to be labeled at to exactly where they are. Eric Hanson offered assistance.

Peter brought up a concern for the board on driveway culverts. They are undersized and many are damaged. Peter suggested that property owners pay for the culvert but the Town will install them as they are ditching. This will guarantee they are installed correctly.

Peter suggested in the future we hire contractors to do the ditching.

## **WASTEWATER UPDATE**

Eric stated that he listened in on recent meeting with John Reilly of Hoyle and Tanner. They are looking to go forward with the next phase. Peter suggested that we table it for now and put it on the August Selectboard Meeting Agenda.

## **WAKEBOAT PETITION**

David reported that the Greensboro Association and Peter should sign the Petition to the Agency of Natural Resources to Prohibit Wake Boats on Caspian Lake along with the Petition to the Agency of Natural Resources for Authority to Regulate Caspian Lake.

Dave moved that Peter, as Chair of the Selectboard, sign the Petition to Prohibit Wake Boats on Caspian Lake along with the Petition for Authority to Regulate Caspian Lake.

Ellen seconded, approved by unanimous vote.

## **TRAPPING PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Dave reminded all that there is an informational meeting Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at Fellowship Hall for the ordinance to ban trapping on Town property. A quorum will be needed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL**

Gary moved the board to go into executive session at 7:46 pm to discuss personnel matters. Peter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board left executive at 8:05. Dave moved that Peter be designated as Emergency Response Manager regarding work related to road repairs and temporarily represents the selectboard for the duration. Ellen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kim Greaves  
Town Clerk