

Special Selectboard meeting of September 29 & 30, 2016
Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street

Selectboard: Trini Brassard, Michael Hildenbrand, and Jerald Ward, MD. Absent: Ross Evans
Municipal Staff: Cindy Spaulding (Recorder)
Public Attendees: Lee Moore and Julie Iffland (RACDC), Amanda Williams, William Kevan and Larry Richburg (Energy Committee). Observed: Joseph Voci and Jeffrey Hackett
Media: David Crosby (*The Herald of Randolph*)

1. Call to order

Mrs. Brassard called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Appoint Health Officer and Deputy Health Officer

On motion by Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Mrs. Brassard, the Board appointed Lorraine Peirce as Heath Officer and Jerald Ward, M.D. as Deputy Health Officer for a term of three years. Vote 3-0-0.

3. Downtown Designation Letter of Intent for Application

The board reviewed the Downtown Designation renewal application. Mrs. Brassard had reviewed the proposed application with several errors and omissions that would need to be corrected in the application and Benchmark document.

Further discussion ensued between Mr. Kevan and the Board on a potential conflict of interest of Mr. Patrick French listed as the Town's Assessor, on the RACDC Board of Directors and the Red Lion Inn's Board. Ms. Iffland expressed that the State does not consider it a conflict of interest and that Mr. French does recuse himself when RACDC properties are scheduled to be assessed.

Action on application tabled to Friday, September 30's meeting continuation after Ms. Iffland provides documentation regarding the conflict of interest concern.

4. Bond Warning

Mrs. Brassard read the warning as presented. Mr. Voci expressed his opinion that Mr. Hildenbrand has a conflict of interest as he is officer on the Fire Department and on the Fire Design Committee. Action tabled until reconvened session on September 30 when Mr. Evans attends the meeting.

Bond warning: Public Hearing & Informational meeting on Thursday November 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm. At Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street, Special Town Meeting on November 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Murray Auditorium, Randolph Union High School, 17 Forest Street, Article 1 voted on by Australian ballot on November 8, 2016 between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the :

Shall the town voters authorize the issuance of GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS in an amount not to exceed two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000) for the purpose of constructing a new fire station building? The bond shall be repaid over a 30-year period.

5. Warrants

On motion by Dr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Hildenbrand, the Board approved the warrants as presented: Vote 3-0-0.

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6. Current Tax Warrant

On motion by Dr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Hildenbrand, the Board voted to command levy and collection of property taxes to Joyce Mazzucco, Town Clerk under the provisions of VSA Title 32 § 4792. Vote 3-0-0.

7. Discussion to hire consultant for local DRB Permit for the Fire Station

Discussion ensued concerning the DRB permit process to obtain a building permit for the Randolph Village Fire Station at 2 Central Street. Mrs. Brassard provided an overview of the DRB's questions. Discussion ensued with potential engineering costs, electrical guywire on the property, potential use of the building as an emergency operations center, shelter and ambulance bay, and possibility of a lot line adjustment or a long-term lease with the abutting property owner (Jack Cowdrey). Mr. Hildenbrand expressed his concerns as to the liability of Mr. Cowdrey's property since there was an oil spill there a few years ago. No action taken. Tabled to October 13 meeting.

8. Appoint Economic Development Council members

On motion by Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Dr. Ward, the Board appointed Marjorie Ryerson and Ken Cadow as members of the Economic Development Council for a term to expire March 2018. Vote: 3-0-0.

9. Upper Valley Weatherization – Energy Committee

On motion by Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Dr. Ward, the Board approved an application to be submitted to Vital Communities: Upper Valley Weatherization program and appointed Larry Richburg as the Municipal Representative. Vote 3-0-0.

10. Executive Session

At 5:32 p.m., on motion by Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Dr. Ward, the Board entered into executive session pursuant to 1 VSA § 313 interview candidates for Selectboard vacancy. Vote 3-0-0.

Invited candidates: Paul Haskell, Rob Neibling and Larry Satcowitz at their scheduled time.

At 7:06 p.m., on motion by Dr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Hildenbrand, the Board returned to open session. Vote 3-0-0

No action taken

11. Recess

At 7:08 p.m., on motion by Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Dr. Ward, the Board recessed the meeting to reconvene on September 30, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street. Vote: 3-0-0

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Attendees: Julie Iffland (RACDC)

1. Reconvened

At 5:15 p.m. on motion by Dr. Ward,, seconded by Mr. Hildenbrand, the Board reconvened its meeting from September 29, 2016. Vote: 4-0-0.

2. Continued discussion of Downtown Designation renewal application

Discussion ensued regarding the various types of conflict of interest.

On motion by Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board authorized Melvin Adams the letter of intent on behalf of the Town of Randolph and to submit the Downtown Designation renewal application to the State of Vermont Division of Community Planning and Revitalization. Vote 4-0-0.

3. Bond Warning

The Board discussed the request from the previous evening for a member to recuse himself from the vote. It was adequately disclosed and there is no conflict of interest.

On motion by Dr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board the Board voted to approve the bond warning: Public Hearing & Informational meeting on Thursday November 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm. At Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street, Special Town Meeting on November 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Murray Auditorium, Randolph Union High School, 17 Forest Street, Article 1 voted on by Australian ballot on November 8, 2016 between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the :

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4. Executive Session

At 5:40 p.m., on motion by Mr. Hildenbrand, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board entered into executive session pursuant to 1 VSA § 313 Interview candidates for Selectboard vacancy. Vote: 4-0-0.

Invited candidates: Jim Sault, Camden Walters and Tom Harty at their scheduled times.

At 7:55 PM, on motion by Ward, seconded by Hildenbrand, the Board returned to open session. Vote 4-0-0

Discussion: The board was unable to make a decision selecting a candidate to fill the Selectboard vacancy and decided to ask two of the candidates for additional information by email.

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5. Adjournment

At 8:10 PM, on motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Ward, the Board adjourned until its meeting of Friday, October 7, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street. Vote: 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Spaulding
Recorder

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