

## SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF WETMINSTER SELECTBOARD

*Friday, April 1, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.*

Westminster, VT Town Hall

**Selectboard Present:** Jason Perry (Chair), Kevin Hughes (Vice Chair), Katrina Hamilton (Clerk) and Craig Allen

**Staff Present:** Charles (Chuck) Lawrence (Road Foreman), Pauline O'Brien (Town Clerk) and Millie Barry (Recording Clerk)

**Others Present:** Nancy Dalzell, June Streeter, Cole Streeter, Barbara Hodgkins, Paul Banik, Molly Banik, Michelle Bos-Lun (VT House Representative), Matthew Conklin, Peggy O'Toole and John Ewald

1. **Call to Order:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair asked for adjustments to the agenda: Craig Allen requested to add under 2 (a.) Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. The Chair requested a motion, Mr. Allen stated he made a motion, Kevin Hughes seconded, the motion passed by 4-0 voice vote.

2. **Town Manager and Selectboard Member Resignations:** Discussion and Acceptance - The Chair read a letter of resignation from Selectboard member Toby Young. Craig Allen motioned to accept the resignation, Katrina Hamilton seconded, the motion passed by 4-0 voice vote. Mr. Allen requested a Selectboard member draft a letter of thanks to Toby Young.

The Chair read a letter of resignation from Town Manager, Russell R. Hodgkins dated 3/30/2022 giving two weeks notice. Craig Allen motioned to accept the letter of resignation, Katrina Hamilton seconded. Peggy O'Toole questioned if Mr. Hodgkins letter included his position as Zoning Administrator. The Chair assumed the resignation included Zoning Administrator. Mr. Allen noted there was a Local Emergency Management Plan meeting on April 30, 2022 and the Board would figure out a representative for that meeting as Mr. Hodgkins was the current representative. Mr. Allen noted the Board would figure out all the different roles Mr. Hodgkins had. Matt Conklin questioned if Mr. Hodgkins had given an explanation for resigning. The Chair said he did not have an explanation. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

3. **Date of Next Meeting:** April 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

There was a question from a person in the audience asking what the executive session was for. The Chair noted the session was for legal matters, things to discuss from legal counsel and how to move forward. Mr. Allen said Mr. Hodgkins was doing a lot of things and no one person would take his place.

Michelle Bos-Lun questioned the process of filling the empty Selectboard seat. The Chair said he believed the Board had 10 days to advertise the position requesting letters of interest. The Board had a reasonable time after posting the position for the Board to make a decision. Mr. Allen said included in the position posting would be a time frame to apply and when the seat would be discussed at a Board meeting.

Toby Young's term as Selectboard would have ended March 2023.

John Ewald questioned if the interim treasurer position appointment was for two weeks or would the appointment continue to the next election. The Chair noted the appointment intent was for two weeks, the Board would sort this out as well. He believed the Board had a right to appoint someone to that position to continue to the next election (March 2023). Mr. Allen said the meeting was not warned that the Town was looking for a Treasurer. The Town would advertise the Treasurer position was open until the next election.

The Chair noted Mr. Hodgkins last day in the office was Friday, April 1, 2022. The Manager would take two weeks' vacation after April 1, 2022 and had expressed availability if something needed to be sorted out.

**The Board moved to executive session at 6:15 p.m.**

**The Board came out of executive session at 7:03 p.m. with no action taken. Kevin Hughes motioned to adjourn, Craig Allen seconded the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Clerk**

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**Date**

Meeting composed by Millie Barry 4/1/2022

