

**Dover Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86800444071?pwd=RIU2WDQ0cDM3d3AwSGREeFNON2tnQT09>

Select Board in person: Victoria Capitani, Sarah Shippee, Dan Baliotti arrived at 6:20pm; Scott Salway arrived at 6:25pm

Select Board via Zoom: Joe Mahon arrived at 6:20pm

Also, present: Office Manager, Jeannette Eckert

Public present via Zoom: Tabi Freedman, Marc Schaubert, TJ Sibilía, Shannon Wheeler, Mike Eldred, Randy Johnson, Laura Sibilía, Eric Durocher, Paul Fisher, Adam Necrason, Amy Rubin, Michelle Pinkham, Jim McDevitt, Richard Werner, Rich Caplan, Diane McCormick, Philip Waller

I. Update from Necrason Group on Lobbying Efforts

Adam Necrason and Amy Rubin presented an update on the lobbying group beginning at 6:00

- Excited to work with Dover to correct unfairness in school funding
- Reform agenda focuses on rural, economically disadvantaged, English language learners and secondary level students
- Studies have revealed that these students are being harmed, getting less than fair share of school funding
- Rep. Sibilía is a leading agent in this change and building coalition on this issue
- There is good news in this report because the issue is gaining traction in a meaningful way
- Moving toward an implementation taskforce, lawmakers will work toward a package for the 2022 session
- Problems in the weighting study
- Despite those limits, the issue of education funding fairness is on the Capital agenda
- Our campaign is purposefully working to bring more public attention to the problem
- A coalition of negatively impacted communities has come together. Dover is a member
- VT law makers have been able to keep the democracy engine moving; Got derailed when COVID-19 hit
- When the Senate Finance Committee took testimony on the issue in mid-February, Vicki Capitani, Dover Select board Chair, was the leading local community witness
- A lot of heat coming on this issue

Laura Sibilía:

- Believe this was the right year to advance this and make this investment; never had this much energy and advocates; although harder because we are remote; critical to connect with folks; some good momentum happening
- Dover is working with the coalition along with other towns
- S.13 is in the House Education committee; testimony begins on Friday
- Speaking to the Social Equity Caucus that has an interest in getting involved and pushing this
- In favor of suspending the excess spending penalty which Dover would be hit with
- Over weighted districts who have benefited will have to change their spending
- Been pushing this issue for a number of years, thanks to the Select Board for their input

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- VLCT is communicating with House and Senate leadership on desire to see action on the weighting study and tax commission reports

Marc Schauber:

- On the Coalition: Made up of 14 boards from all over the State
- A good core group of 10-15 board members working hard on this
- Website is up, making a push on social media in the next few weeks
- Larger communities in the coalition are drafting resolutions

****Regular Meeting Called to Order at 6:20pm by Chair Capitani once a quorum was achieved**

Adam:

- Coordinating communications so they are directed, timely and impactful
- Anticipate testimony
- Another round of external affairs to tell the next chapter of the story
- We are the proponents of change
- Senator Balint prioritized this issue as well as Senator Campion
- We are in the business of making change in a difficult environment
- Coalition is worthy of support and encourage commitment

Richard Werner:

- We've been working on this for a long time
- Necrason Group has been fantastic, big impact in a short time, never this good in the past
 - Continue to keep working with them
- First time in a long time, I feel we are seeing some meaningful change
- Also, thanks to the SB and the Town for working with the School

Laura:

- Both Necrason's and the Coalition's efforts are really helpful
- Our district is going to be hurt again because of inaction
- Having others speak righteously about this issue really gives a lot of hope

Vicki:

- This is the most encouraged we've been in a long time

Vicki announced that this was the first opportunity to have the Board meet in person at the Town Office; please raise your hand and wait to be noted; speak up; state who you are when speaking if you can't readily be seen

II. Public Comments:

Rich Caplan: Contacted this weekend by someone showing interest in Philip Waller's piece on Route 100 for a storage unit facility; Commended the Town on the purchase of the Park land when he did not think it was worth it at the time; it is always being used along with the Valley Trail; Suggest the Town purchase Waller's piece for picnic area, crafters, food trucks, farmers market, could attract lots of people; Think we could do something great that would be used for many years down the road; believe it would be a great asset to the community

Vicki thanked Rich for his comments, it is on our radar and the Board will revisit it in a future Executive Session

Rich Werner: MIQ for Mt Snow—rebuilding the garage that burned a few years ago; approved the stormwater because that is not a major part of the MIQ; will meet with Mt Snow on Monday, April 12th at 5pm; normally the Fire Dept, Police, Hwy, liaison reps attend for input

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III. New Business:

- A. Appointment of Sue Rand to Library Board of Trustees
- Vicki read a letter from Ed Brookman recommending Sue Rand for the position
 - Previously appointed Joe Levy who has declined the position
 - Given the timing is so close to Town Meeting on May 18, will defer the appointment
 - Sue is advised to run for the appointment on the Town Meeting ballot

B. DVFiber Governing Board Appointments

Currently serving:

- TJ Sibilila as Rep
- Shannon Wheeler and Diane McCormick as 1st and 2nd alternates respectively
- One-year terms for all

On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board unanimously agreed to re-appoint TJ Sibilila as Rep, Shannon Wheeler and Diane McCormick as alternates

C. Approve 2021 Town Meeting Warning

- Town Report is going to printer this Friday for delivery to Town Office April 30
- If anyone wants to review the draft Town Report, you can do so in person before Friday
- Approved warning must be posted by April 16th

On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Dan Baliotti, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the 2021 Town Meeting warning

D. Authorize Andy McLean to Sign Vail Site Agreement for Town Meeting

- Same agreement we have seen previously
- Our attorney has reviewed
- Vail is requesting that Andy McLean sign the agreement

On a motion by Sarah Shippee seconded by Dan Baliotti, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize Andy McLean to sign the agreement for Town Meeting

IV. Fire Dept:

A. Approve Appointment of Dave Sheldon as Assistant Fire Warden

- Vicki read a letter from East Dover Fire Chief Jon Abel requesting the appointment due to the recent passing of Leonard Hall

On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Dan Baliotti, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dave Sheldon as Asst. Fire Warden

Rich Werner inquired as to whether Fire Warden Rick Fletcher had been consulted on the appointment out of courtesy. He reached out to him via phone during the meeting and Jon and David had made him aware of the request. He is fine with it

B. Approve/Sign Annual Local Emergency Mgmt. Plan

- Plan is usually approved annually after Town Meeting
- Barring any changes to the Board at Town Meeting, request the Chair's signature

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On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Dan Baliotti, the Board unanimously agreed to have Chair Vicki Capitani sign the Local Emergency Mgmt. Plan

V. Highway: Travis Briggs

- A. Consider Beginning Hiring Process for Replacement Road Crew Member
- Would like to begin the hiring process to replace Bill Short who will be retiring at the end of April
 - Would like the Board's permission to run the ad until the end of April
 - Ad will be placed in Deerfield Valley News beginning this week

VI. Unfinished Business:

- A. Consider KAS Proposal for Alternatives Analysis (PFAS Contamination)
- Goal is to come up with cost affective remediation for the water system at Library/Daycare/Town Hall
 - Questioning the cost of \$5690.00 which is not spelling out what is being done
 - Some of the work has been done already—how are we being credited for that?
 - Need to move forward with the AA as required by the State in order for the Town to be eligible for financial assistance to be reimbursed for some of the cost that we have expended already
 - Frustrating because we must abide by what the State requires but that is the only way to recoup some of the expense
 - Hoping they will come up with a good solution to the problem; we have not been drinking the water up there for years—using bottled water
 - We have done some good work so far but that has not solved the problem; if we drill another well, it may be contaminated also
 - KAS have engineers and have done a good job for us on this and the Landfill, no complaints
 - Total projected expense is \$9750.00

On a motion by Joe Mahon, seconded by Sarah Shippee, the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the KAS proposal for an Alternatives Analysis (Salway abstained)

VII. Economic Development: Eric Durocher, Shannon Wheeler

- A. 2021-2022 DASP, DO-IT, DCSIP Program updates
- Revised applications
 - Most revisions were formatting and updating the dates
 - DASP: Business cards are not acceptable submissions
 - DO-IT: Clarifying max grant payout of \$4500
 - Signage: Changing the format in total, was new last year

Board comments:

- Should clarify not funding anything religious in nature; have paid for paving in front of the Church
- Language should reflect what we are doing; make clear that organizations can apply outside of religious context
- Proposals that promote religion or individual doctrine would be ineligible but other items coming from Church or fraternal organizations would be okay
- Good to go with those updates

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B. 2021 Concert Season Contracts

- Opposed to having to pay the band for no performance; propose a rain date
 - Normally bands aren't paid unless there is a rain date scheduled
- If it is the band's decision to cancel, agree they should not be paid
 - If we must cancel, that's another story
- Should be the promoter's decision to cancel or not
- If the band comes here and it rains, they should be paid
- No longer have an adjacent rain location back up
- Kevin Parry will not be able to book these dates if there is no cancellation fee
- Have looked at other contracts that state as such
- Believe the bands are owed something for scheduling the dates
- Is there a time period prior to the concert that would be acceptable to cancel?
- Can we hold over a Sunday concert that gets rained out & push to a Wed concert?
- Agree that Eric & Shannon can't be at every concert, that is Kevin's job
- Have looked into other locations but the logistics of moving a band and public to another site is daunting; Only happened once last year
- Is it possible to ask for a virtual concert if one is rained out?
- Believe the bands will work with us on this; hope is for a good weather season

Board consensus is to move forward with the concert season as presented

C. Valley Trail A-: Fuss & O'Neill Municipal Project Management Proposal

- Chosen by the Trails and Rec Committee to represent us on the Valley Trail A- project
- Will take care of the rest of the easements all the way down to the completion of the project
- Total estimated fee is \$31,465.71 solely for management of the project
 - Not covered by the State grant money
 - Grant money focuses on the actual construction of the bridge
 - There will be additional expenses incurred by Lamoureux & Dickinson
- Since the project started, VTrans regulations have changed
- As long as the project continues to move forward, our funding will be there
- Will most likely not happen this year

On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize Vicki Capitani to sign the project management proposal

D. Village Center Designation: updated West Dover map

- Almost at the finish line on this process
- 2010 map was easily 6 times bigger than any other designation in the State
- 2021 mirrors the map of 2010
 - East Dover map starts just south of the Post Office including the Park, the Fire Station, and the Church
 - West Dover map reaches from the Post Office all the way to Dorr Fitch Rd
 - New designation will begin just south of the Town Office starting at the Historical Society to the Old North Building and include Deerfield Valley Inn
 - Much smaller than previously, changes were made in 2013 about how large designations can be
 - Trying to keep it to historic center of the village of any town

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- Looking solely at historic buildings; excluding post 1960 construction to present
- As such the map has shrunk considerably
- Entire application will be brought to the Board at the next meeting

E. Approved 2020 Events Applications Postponed by COVID

- How to proceed with event applications that were approved in 2020 but postponed due to COVID-19?
- Clause in funding application states that any funding of an event less than six months prior to it would not be approved
- Given the Governor's orders today, and we may see a 'normal' summer schedule by July, it would be amazing to have some of these events continue in Dover
 - Fireworks
 - Blueberry Festival
 - Wine & Harvest Festival
 - Carnage Con
- Any alterations would need to come before the Board & approved
- Approved last year:
 - Old Home Week—\$1500 was paid for band but that was paid back
 - Fireworks—paid out \$4500
 - W&H--paid 75% initial payment of \$6375
 - Blueberry parade—\$11,500 approved but have not paid out any
 - Carnage Con—\$10,000 approved but reapplied with a smaller event
- Hoping these will all happen

Board consensus is to move forward with the above events

FYI: On Thursday, Senator Bernie Sanders is hosting an American Recovery Program Roundtable and Q&A to address funding coming directly to municipalities

VIII. Dept of Liquor Control:

On motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Dan Baliotti, the Board unanimously agreed to recess and convene as local Liquor Control

On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Dan Baliotti, the Board unanimously approved the following:

A. First & Third-Class Licenses:

- Matilda LLC d/b/a Betsey's Dots of Dover
- Alpine Kitchen LLC d/b/a Trail 87 (former West Dover Joe's)

On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Dan Baliotti, the Board unanimously approved the following:

B. Outside Consumption Permits:

- Matilda LLC d/b/a Betsey's Dots of Dover
- Deerfield Beverage Concepts LLC d/b/a Deerfield Bar & Bottle
- Alpine Kitchen LLC d/b/a Trail 87 (former West Dover Joe's)

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On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Dan Baliotti, the Board unanimously approved the following:

C. Second Class Licenses:

- Guest Convenience Stores, Inc. d/b/a 7-11

On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Dan Baliotti, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn as local Liquor Control and reconvene as Dover Select Board

IX. Consent Agenda:

A. Approve the Minutes of March 16, March 22, & March 25, 2021

On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Scott Salway, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of March 16, 2021

On a motion by Scott Salway, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board voted 3-0-2 to approve the minutes of March 22, 2021 (Shippee and Baliotti abstained)

On a motion by Scott Salway, seconded by Sarah Shippee, the Board voted 3-0-2 to approve the minutes of March 25, 2021 (Mahon and Baliotti abstained)

B. Approve the Warrants of March 20, 2021 for \$203,313.63 & April 3, 2021 for \$108,465.40

On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Dan Baliotti, the Board unanimously approved the warrants of March 20, 2021 and April 3, 2021 as stated

- Note: both the Library and Town Hall buildings have gone over their pre-buy on heating oil fuel and as such are being charged the current rate which is nearly double the pre-buy figure
- Will consider adapting the future fuel bid pre-buy proposal to account for bulk gallonage purchased rather than per building
- Will encourage Efficiency Vermont to take a close look at those buildings

X. FYI:

- A. Next Trails Meeting, April 13 at 6:30pm
- B. Pre-Town Meeting, Tuesday, May 11 at 6pm
- C. Southern Vermont Economy Summit Online Event, May 12-14. Tickets at www.vermontzone.com/summit
- D. Town Meeting, Tuesday, May 18 at 10am at Carinthia Base Lodge
- E. May 19 reorganizational meeting for Select Board
- F. RVUSD meeting at Wardsboro, May 22

XI. Liaison Reports:

- Scott reported some apparent structural damage to Library walls which was repaired quickly by David Smith and Travis Briggs—this may have bearing on the added fuel costs

XII. Executive Session as needed: none

XIII. Adjournment at 7:37pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert

Public notices of these minutes have been posted at the following locations:
Dover Town Clerk's Bulletin Board, Dover Town Meeting Bulletin Board, Dover School
Dover Free Library, East Dover Post Office, Town of Dover Website: www.doververmont.com