

Town of Pittsford SELECT BOARD MEETING – September 4, 2024 – DRAFT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alicia Malay, David Mills, Mark Winslow, Thomas Hooker and Dan Adams.

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Raptour, Devon Neary, David Atherton - Town Manager, Kelly Giard – Recording Secretary

The Select Board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Malay.

Chair Malay stated that there was no need to amend the agenda. Motion by D. Mills and seconded by T. Hooker to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion passed unanimously 5– 0.

MINUTES:

The August 7, 2024 regular meeting minutes were signed with no further corrections; the August 21, 2024 regular meeting minutes were signed with no corrections and the August 21, 2024 Liquor Board minutes were signed with no corrections.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

Town Manager Atherton reported the following:

- The 11-11 VTRANS permit has been received for the installation of the flashing speed limit signs within the 35-mph zone. The permit has also been received to finish rebuilding the asphalt sidewalk from Elm Street to Depot Hill Road. An excavator will be rented to start tearing up the existing sidewalk.
- The Highway Department has completed the annual crack sealing on asphalt roads. The roads crack sealed this year were the south end of Elm Street, the entire Gorham Bridge Road and Oxbow Road from the intersection of Adams Road to the intersection of Goat Farm Road.
- An unusually high number of delinquent water notices (50) were sent out last week.
- Met with Shawn Hendee and Jason Larocque (from Otter Creek Engineering) to discuss drafting plans to extend the sewer mainline to the north to the intersection of Kendall Hill Road. This project needs to be “shovel ready” in case a funding option becomes available.
- An equipment grant has been awarded by PACIF to purchase safety related items for the Highway and Police Departments. This grant will cover 50% of the cost of 3 backup cameras for the Highway Department; 2 - 12 packs of safety cones, two lockout/tagout stations and ballistic helmets for the Police Department.
- Met with Silloway Networks to discuss the possibility of taking over the computer servicing as VT Digital has closed its doors.
- Bridge 108 updates include no work on Monday, September 2, 2024 in observance of Labor Day; Tuesday through Friday – 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM continue demolition of the south end of the existing bridge.
- The Rutland Regional Planning Commission reported that the Marble Valley Transit board is looking for representatives.
- The Water Pollution study has been conducted and the certificate has been received.
- Chief Hemple reports that there have been 98 calls for service through September 3, 2024; there are 42 active members with 1 additional member to be joining in the near future; the cadet program has 5 members; there are 2 trainings monthly and a thank you to the Select Board for approving the helmet purchase.

Chair Malay stated that the times of work on Bridge 108 continue to be a concern to residents. Town Manager Atherton explained that he reviewed the contract and the hours are clearly marked as 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

SELECTBOARD MEMBER REMARKS:

M. Winslow reported that he recently attended the Planning Commission meeting and they are making great progress on the Energy Plan portion of the Town Plan.

D. Mills expressed thanks to the Highway Department staff for mowing and cutting back the West Creek Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Rapetur was present to discuss the Welcome to Pittsford signs at the northern and southern entrances to the town. Mr. Rapetur stated that his wife would be willing to donate her time to help with the maintaining of the areas. Town Manager Atherton expressed thanks for the offer, however, Josie Cone has been working on these areas and is doing a great job.

Mr. Rapetur also inquired about the purchase of the fire department helmets and stated that he has found them at a reasonable price. Mr. Rapetur was asked to forward the information to Town Manager Atherton.

OLD BUSINESS

Devon Neary – RRPC Update:

Devon Neary from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission was present to discuss Act 181 aka “Act 250 Reform Law”. Mr. Neary handed out information to the Select Board members that explained the various portions of the Act. Mr. Neary explained that towns have no input on the act, and are required to include a Future Land Use Map in every Town Plan. The Regional Plan is currently being redone and the current plan expires in June of 2026. The members of the Select Board discussed various maps that are included in the Town Plan with Mr. Neary.

Mr. Neary exited at 7:09 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

VLCT Voting Delegate:

Motion by M. Winslow and seconded by T. Hooker to appoint Town Manager Atherton as the Town Fair Delegate for Pittsford. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Act on Orders \$107,256.44; Payroll \$23,858.26:

The orders were signed with no discussion.

The Select Board recessed and convened as the Liquor Board at 7:13 PM

The Select Board reconvened at 7:14 PM and signed the minutes and orders.

Motion by T. Hooker and seconded by D. Mills to enter into Executive Session at 7:17 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313(a) where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the municipality or person involved at a substantial disadvantage to discuss labor relation agreements with employees 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(B) to include the Town Manager.

Motion by D. Mills and seconded by M. Winslow to exit Executive Session at 7:55 PM with no action taken. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Motion by M. Winslow and seconded by D. Adams to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

The next Select Board meeting will be held on September 18, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Giard
Recording Secretary

Alicia Malay, Chair

David Mills, Vice Chair

Thomas Hooker, Selectman

Dan Adams, Selectman

Mark Winslow, Selectman