

# Selectboard Regular Meeting

Monday, March 27, 2023

6:10 P.M.

Chris Letourneau Meeting Room In-Person and/or Teleconference/Virtual

**Approved:** April 10, 2023

**Selectboard Present:** Devon Thomas (Board Chair), Shannon Jenkins (Vice-Chair), Jamie Comstock, Carl Rosenquist

**Selectboard Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Cheryl Letourneau, Administrator and Town Clerk

**Public Present:** Tony Heinlein, Suzanna Brown, Ken Minck, Heather Dunsmore, Brian Dunsmore, Heather Grimm, Fred Grimm, Todd Cadieux, Frank Gore, Bette Dunsmore, Nick Martin, Doug Bergstrom, Jeannette Warn, Julie Poquette, Lori Hobart

**Public Present Zoom:** Jana Thuesen, Karen Heinlein-Grenier, Dayle Goad, Jen Kale, Chuck Cross, Kevin Camisa, Bethany Langevin, Kristina Conger, Sandy Laferriere, Jeffrey Hathaway, Stephanie Munson, Bridget Stone, Christina Galuska

**Call to Order:** Devon Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

Carl Rosenquist moved that the board go into Executive Session to review issues that premature disclosure may be detrimental to individuals involved or the board itself, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.

**Chair update:** selectboard vacancy

Carl Rosenquist moved that the board open the search for a selectboard member to 4:00 p.m. on April 10, 2023 and that the members present at that meeting, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.

**Selectboard Minutes and Warrants:**

- a. Carl Rosenquist moved to approve the minutes for the 2.27.23 Regular Meeting, Jamie Comstock Seconded, all in favor.
- b. Carl Rosenquist moved to approve with corrections the minutes of the 3.13.23 Regular Meeting, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.

- c. Warrant AP# 02 - Motion to approve the Corrected Warrant #02 was made by Jamie Comstock, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.

**Public Comment:**

**Correspondence:** Letter from Martha Bechard

**Board Business:**

- a. Ratify all appointments from 3/13 meeting and add Larry Martel to DRB - action  
Carl Rosenquist moved to add Lary Martel to the DRB Board for 1 year, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.  
Carl Rosenquist moved to advertise the vacancy on the Planning Commission until 4:00 p.m. on 4/10/23, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.  
Carl Rosenquist moved to make the changes to the appointments from the 3/13/23 meeting as presented by the Town Administrator, Shannon Jenkins seconded, all in favor.
- b. Sub Committees - action  
Jamie Comstock moved to appoint Carl Rosenquist and Bridget Stone to the Recreation Sub Committee, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.  
Jamie Comstock made a motion to move the sub committee action to the next meeting, seconded by Carl Rosenquist, all in favor.
- c. Trails Policy - review  
Carl Rosenquist made a motion to move the Trails Policy review to the next meeting, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.
- d. Purchasing Policy - review  
Carl Rosenquist made a motion to move the Purchasing Policy review and the Fitness Platform to the next meeting on 4/10/23, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.
- e. Approval of Road Name - action  
Carl Rosenquist made the motion to approve the road name of Radharc Drive, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.  
Devon Thomas moved to move the transparency, town paper, tv coverage and website up in the agenda out of respect for Doug Bergstrom's time, seconded by Carl Rosenquist, all in favor.
- f. Transparency - town paper, TV coverage and website

Carl Rosenquist moved to go with Doug Bergstrom's recommendation and approve the Civic proposal including the website and meeting and agenda applications, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.

Jamie Comstock moved to move the town paper to the next agenda on 4/10/23, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.

- g. Appoint Library member - action  
Shannon Jenkins moved to approve Margot Vanscoy to the position of Library Trustee for 1 year, seconded by Carl Rosenquist, all in favor.
- h. Appointment of Health Officer and Deputy Health Officer -action  
Carl Rosenquist moved to appoint Kollene Caspers Health Officer and to post the opening for Deputy Health Officer until 4/10/23, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.
- i. ARPA Fund Manager  
Carl Rosenquist moved to appoint Jamie Comstock as ARPA fund manager, Devon Thomas seconded, all in favor.  
Shannon Jenkins moved to create a Recreation Director subcommittee, seconded by Jamie Comstock, 3 in favor, Carl Rosenquist abstained.
- j. Opioid Settlement  
Devon Thomas made a motion to move the Opioid Settlement until more information is available and at the board's next availability to meet, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.
- k. Amending the Town of Georgia Private Road and Driveway Standards  
Jamie Comstock moved to move the amendment of the Private Road and Driveway Standards to the 4/10/23 selectboard meeting, Carl Rosenquist seconded, all in favor.

#### **Selectboard Sub Committee Reports:**

- a. Town Administrator - C. Letourneau
- b. Buildings
- c. Budget & Finance
- d. Personnel
- e. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation
- f. Committees at the direction of the chair- none at this time

#### **Plan next meeting and agenda:**

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Carl Rosenquist moved to accept the following statement read in Executive Session by Devon Thomas, all in favor:

The Selectboard of the Town of Georgia, VT formally affirms that the statements made to Cheryl Letourneau by a member of the Selectboard on March 23 were not approved by the board or reflect the board's opinion of her job performance.

We understand that elected representatives and employees of the town may disagree about the Town's operations but we recognize that members of the Board must set an example by expressing themselves in a professional manner. We affirm that the interaction on the 23rd was not approved by and did not fall in line with the expected conduct of the Board.

**Executive Session (if needed, pursuant to V.S.A. sec 313)**

Carl Rosenquist moved that the board go into Executive Session to review issues that premature disclosure may be detrimental to individuals involved or the board itself, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.

Carl Rosenquist moved that the board come out of Executive Session, seconded by Jamie Comstock, all in favor.

Carl Rosenquist made a motion to approve MOU for MPD, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.

Carl Rosenquist moved to hire Marsha Narwid as Town Treasurer at \$27.00 - \$30.00 per hour, seconded by Shannon Jenkins, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Bechard