

MINUTES OF THE 10/12/20 SPECIAL MEETING BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HARDWICK SELECT BOARD AND
THE HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE: L. GEDANKEN, N. SMITH, R. PREVOT, M. AMBROSINO, V. O'CONNELL, E. REMICK, E. DOW, S. CORNISH, C. GALLOWAY, L. AVERY, M. SULLIVAN, S. FIELDER

- * CHARIMAN REMICK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1702 HRS.
- * THERE WAS NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOR COMMENT
- * THE AGENDA WAS MODIFIED TO ADD AN ITEM 7 (THE MW&L DOCUMENT PROVIDED BY E. REMICK) AND TO ADD TO ITEM 3 – MOTION BY GALLOWAY SECOND BY DOW...MOTION CARRIED
- * ALL HAD A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON “WHO’S MEETING” THIS WAS...???
- * ALL DISCUSSED RULES FOR THE SELECT BOARD - OF ITEMS ESTABLISHED THROUGH STATUTE. L. GEDANKEN ADVISED THAT HED OPERATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH VERMONT’S OPEN MEETING LAWS REQUIREMENTS, AS WELL AS WITH BASIC RECOMMEDATIONS OF THE VT LEAGUE.
- * ALL DISCUSSED THE PROCESS OF APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS. E. REMICK SUMMARIZED THE PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM THE HARDWICK TOWN CHARTER, AND NOTED THAT THE SELECT BOARD FAILED TO REAPPOINT CORRECTLY IN EACH OF THE LAST TWO YEARS. L. AVERY NOTED THAT MODIFYING THE POSTED INFORMATION ON MEMBERS AND THEIR TERMS – GM SULLIVAN AND TOWN MANAGER FIELDER COMMITTED TO GET THE REQUESTED INFORMATION POSTED CONSISTENTLY ON OUR RESPECTIVE WEBSITES. R. PREVOT SUGGESTED THAT FUTURE APPOINTMENTS WEIGH HEAVILY ON YEARS OF SERVICE/EXPERIENCE OF APPLICANTS. C. GALLOWAY REQUESTED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS PROVIDE SOME CRITERIA/TEMPLATE TO USE IN FILLING VACANCIES. REMICK SUGGESTED MORE MEETINGS/FORUMS/OR ??? SOMETHING ON A REGULAR BASIS TO GET A BETTER HANDLE ON WHAT THE BOARD IS WORKING ON OR THINKING ABOUT. GEDANKEN SUGGESTED THAT SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN MONTHLY COMMISSIONER MEETINGS. DISCUSSION CONTINUED INTO DEVELOPING A NEW COMMISSIONERS FOLDER WITH BASE LEVEL INFORMATION
- * DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON OPEN MEETING LAWS AND THE “GUIDE TO OPEN MEETINGS” FOR POSTINGS/WARNINGS/ETC.
- * DISCUSSION WENT ON TO TRANSPARENCY, AND VIDEO OF SELECT BOARD MEETINGS BY HCTV. ZOOM RECORDINGS AND PROCESSES DUE TO ZOOM WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. SELECT BOARD DELIBERATIONS AND FINAL DECISIONS WERE IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT.
- * HED AUDIT AND TOWN AUDITE SCHEDULES NOT LINING UP WERE DISCUSSED, AND THE ADVERSE OPINION COMMENT RESULTING ON THE TOWN AUDIT. COMMISSIONER GEDANKEN COMMITTED THAT HED WOULD LOOK INTO THIS MATTER FURTHER – CHAIR REMICK COMMITTED TO FIND OUT EXACTLY HOW THE COMMENT ACTUALLY DOES/DOES NOT EFFECT THE TOWN.
- * 2013 MW&L REPORT PROVIDED BY REMICK WAS DISCUSSED, AND THE QUESTION OF “WHY DOES HED EXIST..?” WAS ALSO DISCUSSED
- * W. DOW SPOKE TO SOME OF THE HISTORY OF HED AND COMMITTED TO PROVIDE A PDF OF A 200 PAGE THESIS SHE WROTE.
- * DISCUSSION ABOUT HAVING TWO MEETINGS SUCH AS THIS EACH YEAR...POSSIBLE BEST MONTHS WERE EVALUATED, AND THE NEXT MEETING IS TARGETED FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2021
- * MOTION TO ADJOURN BY REMICK AT 1832...AND MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

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