



Town of Milton
43 Bombardier Road, Milton VT 05468
In Person and Teleconference/Virtual Regular Selectboard Meeting
Joint School Board/Selectboard Meeting & Special Selectboard Meeting
Monday, August 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Darren Adams, Chair; Chris Taylor, Clerk Brenda Steady, Member; John FitzGerald, Member

Selectboard Members Absent: Michael Morgan, Vice Chair

School Board Members Present: Kase Long; Jennifer Wilson; Amy Rex; Rick Dooley; Jeremy Metcalf; Matt Grasso

Staff Members Present: Don Turner Jr., Town Manager; John Bartlett, Director of Human Resource, Administration & Buildings and Grounds; Cally Audet, Public Works/Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant; Steve Laroche, Chief of Police; Jessica Morris, Director of Finance; Michaela Foody, Director of Public Safety; David Allerton, Director of Public Works

Others Present: Buddy Meilleur, LCATV; Bridget Higden; Jennifer Saunders; Lisa Rees; Karen; Dustin Barry

I. Call to Order

D. Adams called the joint meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Flag Salute

D. Adams led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Agenda Review

A. Rex introduced new members Wilmer Chavarria, Director of Equity and Education Support Systems, and Matt Grasso, Director of Operations of the MTSD team. D. Turner introduced Cally Audet, Public Works & Planning and Zoning Administrative Assistant to the members of the School Board.

IV. Public Forum

None.

V. Discussion of Agreement(s) & Contracts

- Treasury Service Agreement
- Shared Service Agreement
- Facility Use Agreement

D. Turner, Jr., Town Manager, A. Rex, Superintendent of Schools, and J. Morris, Director of Finance provided a brief overview of the process utilized to develop the aforementioned agreements. Further discussion took place regarding the benefits of these mutual understandings between the Town and School(s), and that this process will allow for more transparent community with members of the Milton Community.

Motion made by C. Taylor to allow the Town Manager, or his designee to execute the Treasury Service Agreement in the amount of \$13,517, with a second J. FitzGerald. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by B. Steady to authorize the Town Manager, or his designee to sign the Shared Service Agreement as presented, with a second by J. FitzGerald. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by J. FitzGerald to allow Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager, or his designee to sign the Facility Use Agreement as presented, with a second by B. Steady. Motion passed unanimously.

- School Resource Officer (SRO) Contract

A. Rex explained that the edits made to the new contract were only minor and technical in nature from the previously approved SRO Contract. S. Laroche, Chief of Police shared that the changes made to the contract were to update the process for invoicing, and the hourly rate for the SRO. Further discussion took place regarding the SRO uniform.

Motion made by J. FitzGerald to approve Don Turner, Jr., Town Manger or his designee to sign the School Resource Officer Contract as presented, with a second by B. Steady. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. General Discussion

D. Turner stated he had nothing further to discuss. Rick Dooley asked for a status update on the town wide re-appraisal process. D. Turner stated that the process is still ongoing and will not be complete until 2022. He stated that we are working on putting out small bits of information on what to expect once this is done.

J. Metcalf shared his appreciation for the work done on the crosswalks and sidewalks over the summer months.

C. Taylor thanked everyone on both Boards, and shared his appreciation for the working relationship and constant communication that has been established.

VII. School Board Motion to Depart Joint Meeting

Members of the School Board motioned to leave the joint meeting at 6:38 pm.

VIII. Call Special Selectboard Meeting to Order

IX. Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Regular Selectboard Minutes of 08/16/21**
- **Approval of Warrant #5**

Motion made by C. Taylor to approve the Consent Agenda as provided, with a second by B. Steady. Motion approved unanimously.

X. Municipal Lease Approval for FY22 Capital

J. Morris, Director of Finance provided a brief overview on the numbers gathered during the request for proposals process. In FY22, the Town will be leasing a police cruiser, Buildings and Grounds pickup truck, and a truck for the Highway Department. These vehicles will be leased to own.

Motion made by C. Taylor to authorize the Town Manager and Town Treasurer to sign the appropriate documentation, with a second by J. FitzGerald. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. VTrans Grants in Aid Grant Agreement Approval

D. Allerton provided brief overview of this project. Had applied months ago, was awarded \$22,900 for stormwater projects. He expressed that he would like to use these funds for projects on Eagle Mountain Harbor Road.

Motion made by B. Steady to authorize the Town Manager or his designee to authorize and accept the agreement, with a second by J. FitzGerald. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Vermont Council on Rural Development

D. Turner, Jr. provided an brief update on the Vermont Council on Rural Development's efforts to establish a steering committee made up of a variety of community members to provide feedback. This committee will aide in creating a report for town growth moving forward.

XIII. Town Manager Update

- Had a meeting with Nick Papasarphim last week regarding the Hourglass project. He has asked for a survey of the existing right of ways from VTrans. Have also asked the Planning Director that appraisal reflects the appropriate numbers. The VTrans project timeline looks different than what we had once thought.
- We have finalized the details for the Town training on promoting dignity, respect & inclusivity at work. There will be three (3), two-hour sessions throughout the day to attend. This training will take place on Tuesday, September 14th.
- The VLCT annual meeting & town fair are to begin soon. There are courses Oct. 4th – 8th virtually.
- D. Turner, Jr. had a meeting with Larissa Woods from the VT Army National Guard's regarding community support and integration.
- Rollin Irish Road has been closed, and will be open no later than Friday.
- The River Street PSV is now substantially complete. We will see a bit of a price change through a change order due to the extension of the project.