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## **VERNON SELECT BOARD**

**TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:30 P.M.**

**DRAFT**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Christopher Parker, Chair  
Sandra Harris, Vice Chair  
Jean Carr, Clerk  
Jeff Dunklee  
Michael Root

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Maggie Tuck-Sauer, Town Administrator  
David Emery, EMD  
Austin Rice, BCTV  
State Representative Sara Coffey, via ZOOM  
Sandra Rulewich, via Zoom  
Mark Snow, Public Health Officer, via ZOOM  
Bronna Zlochiver, via ZOOM

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

NONE

**CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING:**

Chair Chris Parker called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., welcomed those present in the room and joining via ZOOM, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

*Jean Carr made a motion to add a discussion about allowing the Republican Caucus to use the Town offices on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Sandra Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*

**CHAIRS REMARKS:**

Welcome the new Town Administrator, Maggie Tuck-Sauer to Vernon.

## **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORT:**

State Representative Sara Coffey reported, via ZOOM, Vermont legislative issues concerning the FY2021 budget, Covid-19 relief, and remote learning in schools.

David Emery (present) and Mark Snow (via ZOOM) reported on the latest updates concerning COVID-19. David Emery also reported of upcoming heat advisory precautions.

Seth Deyo, not in attendance, sent his report to the Chair asking to let the Board know he had nothing to report concerning the Recreation Department.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Chris Parker made a motion to amend the minutes from the Executive Session of the July 7, 2020 Select Board Meeting to include the attendance of both the Fire Chief and the Assistant Fire Chief. Sandra Harris Seconded the motion. The motion was carried 5-0.*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Bills and Warrants

*Jean Carr made a motion to approve the following warrant for Tuesday, July 21, 2020.*

*WARRANT:*

2T     Accounts Payable- \$73,588.41

27S    Payroll-\$11,988.95

28S    Payroll-\$12,908.91

*Sandra Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Solid Waste Committee: Sandra Rulewicz presented a proposal regarding the food waste containers.
  1. *Sandra Harris moved to table the proposal of a third food waste bin until the cost of the bins could be determined. Chris Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*
  2. *Sandra Harris moved to relocate the food waste bins from the current location to the proposed new location, due to safety concerns. Jeff Dunklee seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*
- B. Town Common Area Maintenance: Discussion of adding another veteran to the Memorial Committee to assist current committee member. Chris Parker presented photos of missing plaque, unkempt landscaping, and a broken light. *Sandra Harris made a motion to put upkeep of the Memorial and Gazebo area out to bid. Michael Root seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*

Discussion continued regarding landscaping concerns of Town Hall grounds, with Town Administrator reporting on contract, photographic evidence of neglect from the current landscaping provider, and recent correspondence with the staff of the landscaping provider. *Michael Root made a motion to provide sixty-day written notice to end the contract with Renaud Tree Care, Inc., to take affect at the end of the 2020 lawn care season. Sandra Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*

C. Sensitivity and Harassment Training: Town Administrator Maggie Tuck-Sauer presented a proposal to the board to provide all Vernon staff and employees sensitivity and harassment training annually. *Sandra Harris made a motion to implement a Sensitivity and Harassment policy and on-line training for all Vernon staff and employees, to be completed annually. Michael Root seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.* Discussion continued by agreeing to review other federal and state employments laws in New Business of next meeting.

D. *Jean Carr made a motion to reimburse Chris Parker for the purchase of a new microphone/camera for the use of ZOOM connections in Select Board Meetings. Sandra Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*

E. Michael Root led discussion of VT House Bill 942. The board discussed reviewing the ordinances and policies of other municipalities regarding the use of ATV's.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. *Motion to table discussion of compensatory time until August 18, 2020 meeting by Sandra Harris. Seconded by Chris Parker. Motion carried 5-0.*

B. *Jeff Dunklee moved to all Republican Caucus at Town Hall building on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Michael Root seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Sandra Harris abstained.*

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):**

NONE

#### **CORRESPONDANCE:**

Education tax rates 2021, Windham County Covid-19 Recovery Forum, Vermont COVID-19 Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Maggie Tuck-Sauer presented a Census Bureau activity update and information regarding Coronavirus Municipal Records Digitization Grants and future digitization of Listers data, with the potential need to obtain an official town website.

#### **UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to adjourn by Sandra Harris. Motion seconded by Michael Root. Motion carried 5-0.  
Meeting adjourned 7:56 p.m.*

Minutes submitted by

*Maggie Tuck-Sauer*

Maggie Tuck-Sauer, Town Administrator