

**Selectboard Agenda  
Johnson**

**Date: Monday, February 15, 2021**

**Electronic Meeting via Zoom and Phone Call-In**

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7:20 p.m. Public Works Supervisor/Highway Foreman Report

7:25 p.m. Administrator's Report, Action items, signature required items.

**Members of the Public:**

None Scheduled

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: (D) Discussion (I) Information (A) Action**

1. (D, A) Northern Vermont University Intern
2. (D, A) Johnson Oven Grant Applications
3. (D, A) Conservation Commission Beard Park Accessibility Trail Bids
4. (D, A) Discuss and Make Appointment of Animal Control and Health Officer
5. (D, A) Discuss and Make Appointment of Town Fire Warden
6. (D, I) Discussion on River Conservancies Interest on Lamoille River Area
7. (D, I) Update on Candidates Night
8. (D, I) Update on Plowing Related Complaint
9. (D, I) Update on Animal Cruelty Complaint
10. (D, I) Executive Session to Discuss Joining Town of Hyde Park on Potential Legal Action as allowed by **1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)**
11. (D, I) Executive Session to Discuss Union Contract Negotiations as allowed by **1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)**
12. (D, I) Executive Session to Discuss Employee Discipline as allowed by **1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(4)**
13. (D, A) Action from Employee Discipline, if Any

Selectboard issues/concerns, Executive Session (if needed) Adjourn

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1. (D, A) Northern Vermont University Intern (15 minutes)

NVU is interested in partnering with Johnson Recreation for an internship with an Outdoor Recreation student.

2. (D, A) Johnson Oven Grant Applications (10 minutes)

The Oven Committee is seeking the board's permission for a number of grant applications.

3. (D, A) Conservation Commission Beard Park Accessibility Trail Bids (10 minutes)

Conservation Commission has received bids for the accessibility improvements for the trail at Beard Park. They have analysis and recommendations.

4. (D, A) Discuss and Make Appointment of Animal Control and Health Officer (15 minutes)

We have some interest by Dean Locke and BJ Putvain in serving as ACO/HO. This will be an opportunity for us to meet and discuss the position. Appointments may be made or delayed.

5. (D, A) Discuss and Make Appointment of Town Fire Warden (5 minutes)

We have interest by Corey Davis in serving as Town Fire Warden. This will be an opportunity for us to meet and discuss the position. Appointments may be made or delayed.

6. (D, I) Discussion on River Conservancies Interest on Lamoille River Area (10 minutes)

River Conservancy is interested in turning a parcel along River Road East, the Crossing Falls area, into a park. The Town's support could help secure funding and the eventual purchase.

7. (D, I) Update on Candidates Night (5 minutes)

The Candidates Night is scheduled for Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

8. (D, I) Update on Plowing Related Complaint (5 minutes)

An update on a complaint received regarding the Town's plowing practice.

9. (D, I) Update on Animal Cruelty Complaint (5 minutes)

An update on a complaint received regarding a possible case of animal cruelty.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

### Information Items:

1. Lamoille Courthouse: Preadvice of Estimated Tax Assessment
2. Dog Bite 1/10/2021
3. Lamoille County Sheriff's Dept: Communications Budget
4. Comcast: Contact information
5. LRSWMD: Agenda and Materials
6. Animal Bite 1/23/21
7. Lamoille Courthouse: Approved Final Budget
8. LCPC: VAPDA 2020 Brochure
9. LRSWMD: Agenda and Materials
10. US Census Bureau: BAS Survey

### Budget Items:

1. Rural Community Transportation: request for \$2,820
2. Lamoille County Planning: request for 1,877
3. Lamoille Home Health: request for \$10,338
4. American Red Cross: request for \$500
5. LCMHS: request for \$2,500
6. Vermont Council on Rural Development: request for support
7. Lamoille Home Health: request for \$10,338
8. Rural Community Transportation request for \$2,820
9. Clarina Howard Nichols request for \$1,320

### Legal Issues:

## VLCT: PACIF

- 1. Calendar**
2. Community Leadership

**State/Federal Issues:**

1. Highway and Bridge Weight Restriction Filings

**Administrator's Correspondence:**

**Workshops:**

**Newsletters:** VLCT News January-February 2021, Public Management, Public Management January 2021

**Brochures & Ads:**

Selectboard issues/concerns:

Executive Session:

Other Business:

Adjourn

**Town of Johnson Highway/Public Works Department  
Monthly Progress Report  
February, 2021**

**Current Projects:**

- Snow and ice control
  - We have used an estimated 3,200 yards of sand so far (pile is about half gone)
- Salt use is below normal thanks to operator knowledge and some minor adjustments to route
- Crew continues to take trainings that Vermont Local Roads offers. Most recently electrocution safety, trench safety, posted roads and weight limits
- We're beginning to find that the 2018 Ram 2500 (foreman vehicle) isn't able to perform the way it's needed during winter months. Repairs out of warranty are starting to add up
- Began shelving back snow banks on all routes to make room for additional accumulation and increase visibility
- Winter Grading is under way. Stinger bits were installed on the grader and roads are being smoothed out as time allows. Mitigating the ice layer as we go should help ease mud season in a perfect world

