

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING / REMOTE PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022

**Present:**

Selectboard Members: Beth Foy, Duncan Hastings, Eric Osgood, Eben Patch, Mark Woodward  
Others: Brian Story, Rosemary Audibert, Lisa Crews (via Zoom), Lois Frey (via Zoom)

**Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.**

**1. Call to Order**

Eric, as senior board member, called the meeting to order at 7:00.

**2. Additions, Changes to Agenda**

Eben added discussion of the start time for regularly scheduled meetings. Brian added discussion of April meeting scheduling.

**3. Appointment of Municipal Positions**

Rosemary swore in the new board members. Eric highly encouraged them to take advantage of any available trainings.

Eben nominated Beth for chair. Mark nominated Eric. Eric withdrew his name. **Beth was elected board chair.**

Duncan said he wants to recognize Eric's long and dedicated service as selectboard member and chair. He is a model for all of us.

**Eric moved and Eben seconded to make the following appointments:**

Vice Chair: Eben Patch

Highway Commissioner: Brian Story

Public Works Supervisor: Jason Whitehill

First Constable: Tracy Myers

Animal Control Officers: BJ Putvain, Dean Locke

Fence Viewers: Doug Molde, Nat Kinney, Mike Dunham

Official Weigher: Mike Patch

Tree Warden: Noel Dodge

Health Officer: Tracy Myers

Deputy Health Officers: Brian Story, BJ Putvain, Dean Locke

Vermont Emergency Management Director: Eric Osgood

Energy Coordinator: Mark Woodward

Town Service Officer: Duncan Hastings

Inspector of Lumber, Wood & Shingles: Dick Simays

Green Up Day Chair: Shayne Spence

Planning Commission: Kim Cotnoir (term expiring 2025), Rob Rodriguez (term expiring 2024), Paul Warden (term expiring 2024)

Recreation Committee: Jasmine Yuris, Katie Orost, Allen Audette, Kyle Senesac, Kim Goodell

Skate Park Committee: Casey Romero, Howard Romero, Greg Fatigate, George Swanson, Rick Aupperlee, James Whitehill  
Conservation Commission: Lois Frey, Dean Locke, Sue Lovering, Noel Dodge, Peter Hammond, Denise Ashman, Jackie Stanton, Jared Jasinski, Carrie Watson  
Tree Board: Sue Lovering, Rob Maynard, Noel Dodge, Dorcas Jones, Lauren Huang-Finkleman, Jacob Vandorn, Brian Vandorn  
Fire Warden: Corey Davis  
Town Historian: Linda Jones  
Historical Society: Linda Jones, Lois Frey, Tom Carney, Alice Whiting, Duncan Hastings, Dick Simays, Kelly Vandorn, Mary Jean Smith, Eben Patch (selectboard representative)  
Development Review Board: Will Angier, Jim MacDowell, David Butler, William Jennison, David Williams, alternates Shayne Spence and Kim Dunkley  
Beautification Committee: Kyle Nuse, Ann Marie Bahr, Blair Watson, Carrie Watson, Johna Keefe  
Tuesday Night Live Committee: Howard Romero, Tim Mikovitz, Abby Gladstone-Strobel, Sophia Berard, Mara Siegel, Tom Moog  
Community Oven Committee: Jasmine Yuris, Ray Kania, Luke Gellatly, Sophia Berard, Charlotte Roozekrans, Liam Murphy, Mark Woodward, Jennifer Burton  
Racial Justice and Social Equity Committee: Sophia Berard, Jeff Bickford, Raven Pfaff, Offie Wortham, Adelle MacDowell, Shayne Spence  
Official Pound: Lamoille Kennels

**The motion was passed.**

Duncan suggested notifying Dick Simays that Eben is serving in the role of selectboard representative to the Historical Society board. He thinks the Historical Society thought he was just on the committee discussing the upstairs. Beth suggested that Brian clarify the Historical Society appointments with Dick Simays.

**4. *Start Time for Regular Meetings***

Eben said meetings often tend to go longer than expected. It might be in the best interest of the public to start reviewing orders at 6:30 or 6:15 instead of 6:45. Eric suggested 6:00, but Beth said it might be difficult for her to get here that early.

Duncan suggested that board members could get a list of the orders to review before each meeting to identify any they want to ask questions about at the meeting. Beth asked if that would be feasible. Rosemary said it probably wouldn't be a complete list. Duncan asked if there could be an earlier cutoff for orders so the complete list could be sent out before the meeting. Rosemary said then some of them would have to wait longer to be paid.

Beth suggested continuing to review orders during the first 15 minutes of the meeting for now. The board can possibly considering changing the process in the future after all board members have experienced how it works now.

The board agreed to start meetings at 6:30.

**5. April Meeting Scheduling**

Brian said he plans to take some time off in March. He would like to be out of the office roughly from March 25 through April 1. He would be coming back after the time when he normally would have started prep time for the April 4 meeting. He is requesting that April 4 be the planning and prioritization meeting. He can do the prep work for that meeting before he leaves. The board agreed to that.

**6. Other Business**

Beth thanked Eric for everything he did as chair. She looks forward to his support. She said one thing she will probably do is ask at the end of each meeting if there are requests for future agenda items.

Duncan said he is wondering about any change of policy on mask wearing. Beth said that will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Duncan asked if it is okay to contact Beth between meetings with agenda item suggestions. Beth said yes. She recommends emailing both her and Brian at a minimum.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51.

*Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths*