

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD / VILLAGE TRUSTEE BOARD  
JOINT MEETING MINUTES  
VERMONT STATE UNIVERSITY – JOHNSON, WILLEY LIBRARY, ROOM 217  
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

**Present:**

Selectboard members: Beth Foy, Duncan Hastings, Eben Patch, Shayne Spence, Mark Woodward

Trustee board members: GiGi Beach, Steve Hatfield, Lynda Hill, Ken Tourangeau,

Others: Carl Rogers, Rosemary Audibert, Erik Bailey, Jason Whitehill, Lois Frey, Scott Meyer, Ron Rodjenski, Nat Kinney, Jessica Bickford

**Absent:** BJ Putvain

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

**1. Call to Order**

Beth called the selectboard to order at 6:00. Ken called the trustees to order at 6:00.

**2. Discussion on Hiring a Flood Event Administrator**

Beth said there have been discussions about the need for hiring someone to provide flood related support. It sounds like both the village and the town have a need. Ken said the village has reached out to someone about performing that service but they haven't made any agreement yet. He will know more tomorrow. Duncan said he reached out to Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI), the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) and Ron Rodjenski. Two of the three are able to provide services. LCPC indicated that they are not able to.

Beth asked if we were thinking that the town and village would hire different people. Ken said his understanding is that the village will have much more work than the town because of the utilities. The village's needs would deplete the resources available for the town. His assumption is that the work the village needs would be a 40-hour job for 6 months. Eben said he agrees that the town and village having separate people would provide more clarity and be in the best interest of each. Two of the buildings with insurance claims and expected FEMA reimbursement are jointly owned – the municipal building and the lower storage building.

**Lynda moved to authorize the Town of Johnson to handle applying for FEMA reimbursement for the municipal building and the lower storage building, Steve seconded and the motion was passed.**

Beth asked if the village has insurance coverage on either of those buildings. Duncan said the municipal building is covered under the town's insurance. Rosemary said she thinks the lower storage building is covered by village insurance. Eben asked if it will be a problem if the town is handling FEMA reimbursement for that building while the village is making an insurance claim on it. Duncan said he thinks the town will just need to work with the village. Ken said he thinks the person he is in discussion with will have the ability to handle the village insurance claims. It was agreed that the village should handle the insurance claims for the lower storage building. Duncan said he filed insurance claims for the library and the skatepark.

It was agreed to move the executive session to interview a candidate and the potential offer of employment to the selectboard meeting, since the village will be hiring someone separately.

Jason said he hasn't checked for damage to the equipment in the lower building yet. Duncan said that will be part of the damage assessment process. (*Jessica Bickford arrived at 6:09.*) Duncan said he guesses that the furnace will need to be replaced and that alone would trigger the dollar amount for a FEMA site.

Ken said he has not yet talked to the fire chief for about rinsing out the lower storage building. The town and village crews might have to work together to move equipment before that. Duncan and Jason both said they have taken pictures of the damage to the lower storage building. Ken said he will take more.

**3. *Adjourn***

Steve moved to adjourn the trustee board at 6:11, Lynda seconded and the motion was passed. The selectboard adjourned at 6:11.

*Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths*