The Town of Addison Selectboard Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 06,2024 at the Addison Community Center 7:00PM. Present were: Jeff Kauffman, Peter Briggs, Roger Waterman and Steve Torrey. Absent: Rob Hunt.

Others present: Bryan Nolan, Starr Phillips, Elizabeth Armstrong, Michael Wojciechowski, Alma Briggs, JBB Mitchel, Kay Mitchell, Gary Grant, Gerald Grant, Billie Jo Forgues, Cheri L. Waterman, Carrie Kauffman, Alden Harwood, Levi Barrett, Keith and Annie Craig, John Spencer, Patty Torrey, Erin Cashman, Michael Hollis, Rene Galera, Michael Kachman, Samantha Kachmar, Rebecca Kachmar, Chris Stackhouse, and Jeffrey Randall.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jeff Kauffman at 7:00PM

In a motion made by Roger Waterman, seconded by Steve Torrey to add "Patrolling" to the agenda. (4) in favor (1) absent.

7:00 Vince Paradis---having an issue with a specific neighbor to discourage usage at the Potash Bay beach area. Is posting dead end signs, parking trailer to block or deter usage by intimidation. The Fire Department can't access the area if needed. Vince suggested that maybe looking for signage from the Town for public use. The board will work with Bryan Nolan to post adequate signage.

7:15 Kay Mitchell---another neighbor in the same area and owns the parcel encourages public use. She suggested "Dead End" sign with no adequate turn around. This was deeded to her by her grandmother and wants it to stay that way with public use as long as she lives. She suggests that no "private property" signs be posted near the public beach.

Chair, Jeff Kauffman, suggested we can encourage the neighbor to leave it open to the public. Maybe a Public Launch sign and NO OUTLET Sign. In a motion made by Peter Briggs, seconded by Roger Waterman to have Bryan to check signs for the area. 4 in favor 1 absent

7:30 Bob Harnish (via phone)--- bringing the Town up to date with "Inclusion Initiation"--- "Declaration of Inclusion". All towns to be welcoming to all regardless of their "ETHNIC" background, religion, gender, etc. He explained that 152 cities & towns in Vermont have already adopted this. They offer a template for the "Declaration of Inclusion" & complete website. He read the template & will e-mail it to the Town & form to be signed. Many towns surrounding Addison have already adopted the "Declaration of Inclusion". Will read & discuss at the next meeting. He is encouraging all town residents to be welcoming with inclusion. Statewide participation from organizations is expected.

MEETING MINUTES:

In a motion made by Peter Briggs, seconded by Roger Waterman to approve the meeting minutes for June 04,2024 with a correction. (4) in favor (1) absent

In a motion made by Peter Briggs, seconded by Roger Waterman to approve the meeting minutes for June 11,2024 with a correction to Peter's reference to being on the Town Hall Committee. (4) in favor) (1) absent.

In a motion made by Roger Waterman, seconded by Steve Torrey to approve the meeting minutes for July 09,2024. (4) favor (1) absent.

In a motion made by Peter Briggs, seconded by Roger Waterman to approve the meeting minutes for July 15,2024. (4) in favor (1) absent.

In a motion made by Roger Waterman, seconded by Steve Torrey to approve the meeting minutes for July 16,2024 and to accept the tax rate correction. (3) in favor (1) absent and (1) abstain.

In a motion made by Peter Briggs, seconded by Steve Torrey to approve the meeting minutes for July 22,2024. (4) in favor (1) absent.

HIGHWAY:

OTTER CREEK ROAD: Mud in the ditch

Has flooded over twice and how do you want this situation approached as it needs something done. We're not going to be able to do any fix in the next 2 days before the hurricane remnants. We are not declared for FEMA. Deal with the buffers not being acknowledged and Town approach USDA to discuss or write a letter to see if USDA will enforce the grass buffers or not. Jeff Kauffman will contact to find out what would be best. Put in the RFP.

Roger Waterman talked to a landowner to remove the No Trespassing sign and it was removed.

In a motion made by Roger Waterman, seconded by Steve Torrey to appoint Michael Hollis to the Planning Commission board to fill the opening. (3) in favor (1) no and (1) absent.

Roger Waterman moved to add Listers to the agenda. (4) in favor (1) absent.

State Police requested phone number for the polling location on election day. Cheri asked for permission to to have a phone line installed at the Community Center. It can be done before Election Day if approved tonight. Roger Waterman moved to approve the phone line. (4) in favor (1) absent.

Special Meeting & Vote Warning: Cheri asked the board if the special vote warning and the special meeting could be split for purposes of appearing in the Addison Independent. There has been confusion having them combined. In a motion made by Peter Briggs, seconded by Roger Waterman to approve. (4) in favor (1) absent.

TOWN CLERK: CREDIT CARDS

Cheri asked if the board was opposed to having credit cards as a form of payment in the office. Cheri did not want to continue research if the board was opposed. Having credit card payment available would allow for another form of payment for taxes, dog licenses,

delinquent taxes and permit fees, just to mention a few.. Peter Briggs made the motion, seconded by Roger Waterman and have Cheri continue to research options. (4) in favor (1) absent.

AIG RETIREMENT:

In a continued effort to make AIG Funds available to the intended recipient, a signed release form is required to remove the Town of Addison as beneficiary of these accounts and name the intended employee of the account as beneficiary. A motion made by Roger Waterman, seconded by Steve Torrey to remove the Town of Addison as beneficiary and make Bryan Nolan, Jane Grace, Marilla Webb and Dean Gilmore beneficiaries of their respective account.. All were signed immediately. (4) in favor (1) absent.

Marty/Emergency Response---

A Red Cross Shelter inspection will be held on Monday, August 12,2024. Peter Briggs & Marty will both attend.

The Emergency Text alert system is a free service. Marty provided a form to be signed by the selectboard to approve implementing the Emergency Text Alert System through the State of Vermont. Motion by Peter Briggs to sign the Text alert, seconded by Roger Waterman. Marty will organize and administer. (4) in favor (1) absent

In a motion made by Roger Waterman, seconded by Steve Torrey to sign the Vermont Hazard Maintenance Plan. (4) in favor (1) absent.

In a motion made by Roger Waterman, seconded by Steve Torrey to approve and sign the Bills/Invoices Paid and Due: General and Highway. (4) in favor (1) absent.

In a motion made by Roger Waterman, seconded by Peter Briggs to approve and sign Timesheets/Payroll: Highway. (4) in favor (1) absent

In a motion made by Peter Briggs, seconded by Steve Torrey to approve and sign Timesheets/Payroll: General. (3) in favor (1) abstain (1) absent.

No Z.A. input at this meeting.

Roger Waterman read letters on Ethnics Liaison Appointee. Post so the public can have an opportunity to read and express an interest if they want.

Roger Waterman expessed concern that he felt he could not act on the Ethics complaint that he was asked to investigate due to his own interest on the Selectboard and participation in votes regarding the appointments involved in the ethics complaint.This matter will be discussed on how to proceed with the complaint.

Miscellaneous: None

LISTERS:

The Listers presented two RFP bids for reappraisal. RCC, out of Middlebury can start next July 2025 for $125,000 plus expenses over 1 year period. Payment would be over a period of months. The grievance process would be $70 per hour. NEMRC would be $98,000 starting July 2027 over a 2- year period with payment up front for a retainer. This includes service up through BCA grievance process.

The Towns's CLA will be extremely out of line by 2029, if we take the cheaper option The more expensive would be done 2026 which may be worth the extra since the CLA adjustment would be an advantage to the Town tax rate. RCC has done appraisals in several local towns, of which all are happy with their work. In a motion made by Roger Waterman, seconded by Steve Torrey to go with RCC, feeling the benefits will out way the cost. (4) in favor (1) absent.

FACILITY RENT COMMITTEE:

Carrie Kauffman defined goals for the board. The maintenance concerns should be placed elsewhere/verifying this fact. VLCT is aware of the usage, the building/verifying this for the committee. Profitability should be fair and equitable to all citizens and not a burden for the town to function. Define how the town can profit fairly. Will need rental applications/language to allow us (the town) to be selective. A policy is needed /drawn up by the committee and submitted to the board. The play equipment needs to have proper signage to use at their own risk. Pergola has been taken down and "S "links will be removed from the swings and replaced with quick links.

In a motion made by Peter Briggs, to add Michael Wojciechowski to be new addition to the committee. (4) in favor (1) absent

COMMIUNITY CENTER UPDATE:

The (2) septic pumps are working/ bill should be cheaper than originally thought because the grease trap was not pumped. Geoffrey Nelson researching costs for fire extinguish inspection. Peter's ability to sign building permits for the Community Center on behalf of the Selectboard. Jeff Kauffman made the motion to affirm Peter to submit permits and Roger seconded, (3) in favor (1) abstained (1) absent.

DRB gave approval for the Conditional-Use permit with (1) condition that the Board appoint a "Building Manager" and reports to the Selectboard. The DRB holds no accountability after the approval. Alden Harwood provided the board with the decision letter. Alden also suggested that the board works on "mixed uses" for the building before allowing renters in. Peter suggested they need to develop an operating policy/procedure for the building use. Will put on the agenda next month for discussion.

Jeff Kauffman reported that siding on gym needs to be done, flooring, fix some ceiling tiles and, and can use ARPA funds for these small repairments. Jeff will continue to work on pricing and update on all maintenance done to date. Petter Briggs made motion to

purchase covers for valve boxes on mounds, seconded by Roger Waterman. (4) in favor and 1) absent.

Volunteer opportunity for maintenance on Community Center will be put on FPF to put out the call the volunteers in a motion made by Peter Briggs, seconded by Roger Waterman. (4) in favor and (1) absent.

Steve Torrey and Peter Briggs expressed Citizen concerns on gas trucks traveling through VT RTE 17 West rather than travel VT RTE 22A. Peter Briggs moved to have Marty investigate this. Steve Torrey made the motion, seconded by Roger Waterman to approve. (4) in favor and (1) absent.

SHERIFF REPORT:

The Speed Zones need to be posted so the Sheriff's Department can issue tickets correctly for the different zones. A big concern is cost vs, revenue. Bryan Nolan suggested that maybe the road speed ordinance needs to be checked for Town roads and give a copy to the Sheriff.

No Town Hall update at this time.

In a motion made by Peter Briggs, seconded by Steve Torrey to bypass the appointment policy for the building. (3) in favor (1) abstained (1) absent.

In a motion made by Peter Briggs, seconded by Roger Waterman to go into Executive session finding that premature public knowledge would put the town or person at a substantial disadvandage.1V.S.A. 313 (a)(1) (4) in favor (1) absent.

Moved to enter into executive session to discuss 2 legal issues. Mike Wojciechowski, Z.A., was asked to join for one of the issues, under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313 (A)(1)(B) of the Vermont Statutes.

Coming out of executive session, Jeff Kauffman read the resignation letter from Jeffrey Nelson since he will be moving to Californiain the near future. . This leaves an open position For TAC and Local Fuel Coordinator.

Motion made by Peter Briggs, seconded by Roger Waterman to adjourn. All in favor