

The Town of Addison Selectboard Special Meeting was held on Friday, August 16, 2024 at the Addison Community Center 7:00PM. Present were: Jeff Kauffman, Peter Briggs, Roger Waterman and Steve Torrey. Absent: Rob Hunt.

Also present: Keith Craig, Billie Jo C. Forgues, Alma Briggs, Tim Buskey, Bettie Cassidy, Cheri L. Waterman

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM by Jeff Kauffman, Sr.

One item was added to the agenda, this being the Access Modification Grant Application for the Town Hall. Motion to add by Roger, second by Steve, 4 in favor, 1 absent

The Town Clerk received an email and call from the Secretary of State, who wanted some background on the mailings, and wanted to know if the board was going to send a mailing to clarify board involvement.

Jeff read a suggested response. The board suggested that we clarify that the Town Hall Flyer was paid for by grants, and that the articles were written exactly as submitted by the petitioners. This will be sent to the Secretary of State, Front Porch Forum, the Independent and the Website. It will also be available at the public hearing on August 20.

Tim Buskey asked for clarification on the Secretary of State's request. This is asking about the Board's response to complaints about the flyer, and to make clear that the board did not put out the flyer.

Tim expressed his opinion that this flyer violates ethical practice and gives the appearance of something unethical by the board. He felt the flyer was created to look like it came from the board and instructed voters on how to vote. Even if not from the board, he felt it would be hard to convince the voters of that.

Peter made the motion to publish the letter with the edits, second by Roger, 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Jeff asked Tim if he would like to opt out of moderating the August 20 public hearing. Tim chose to opt out.

Three bids were received for the Community Center HV maintenance contract. New England Air, Control Tech and Plouffes submitted bids. Roger moved to award the contract to Plouffes, second by Peter. 4 in favor, 1 absent

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

Moved to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, and invited Cheri Waterman and Billie Jo Forgues to join, under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313 (A)(1)(B) of the Vermont Statutes.

Coming out of executive session at 7:46PM, Jeff presented the Access Modification Grant application. The board moved to appoint Cheri Waterman as Municipal Authorized Official, and Bob Schatz as the Writer on this grant in the amount of \$150,000. Motion by Roger Waterman, second by Steve. 4 in favor, 1 Absent

The board will talk with other towns to find a moderator for the August 20 Public Hearing.

Roger moved to adjourn, second by Steve. 4 in favor, 1 absent