

1 **TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT**

2 **Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

3 **Monday, June 3, 2024**

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6 **I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Christine Sullivan. The meeting
7 was held in person at the Waitsfield Town Office and remotely via Zoom.

8 **Members Present:** Chach Curtis, Fred Messer, Brian Shupe, Christine Sullivan, Larissa Ursprung

9 **Staff Present:** Annie Decker-Dell'Isola (Wastewater Project Manager), JB Weir (Zoning
10 Administrator)

11 **Others Present:** Doug Bergstein (Valley Players), Anthony Italiano (MRTV), Robin Morris (Water
12 Commission), Sam Robinson (MRVPD), Aaron Shea, Jonathan Ursprung (Planning Commission)

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14 **II. Wastewater Project Information Meeting**

15 Ms. Sullivan opened the Informational Meeting.

16 Ms. Decker-Dell'Isola presented information about the project, including the reasons behind
17 the proposal, the history of the project, and the phases of work completed so far. Mr. Curtis
18 then provided some details about the system itself and the financial aspects of the project,
19 including grants received and applied for, the bond vote, and the portion of the work to be
20 covered by a \$1.7M loan. It was noted that the anticipated timeline leads to completion of the
21 system installation by the end of 2026.

22 No questions were raised by those present.

23 **III. Adjourn Information Meeting and Proceed to Regular Select Board Meeting**

24 The Informational Meeting was closed by Ms. Sullivan.

25 **IV. Regular Business.**

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27 **1. Review agenda for addition, removal, or adjustment of any items per 1 VSA 312(d)(3)(A).**

28 Consideration of an amendment to Lawson's Liquor License was added to the Agenda; approval
29 of the LEMP and Washington County Sheriff's Office contract were added to the Consent
30 Agenda.

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32 **2. Public Forum.**

33 Nobody requested time to address the Board.

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35 **3. Liquor Permit Applications: Afterthoughts, Cold Spring Spirits, LLC, Mad River Inn, LLC,
36 Riders Outpost, LLC.**

37 The following License renewal applications had been received, all for those within their initial
38 three years of holding a license. Representatives for each enterprise were present at the
39 meeting.

- 40 • Cold Spring Spirits, LLC – 1st and 3rd Class
- 41 • Mad River Inn – 1st Class and Outdoor Consumption
- 42 • Riders Outpost – 1st Class, 3rd Class, and Outdoor Consumption

43 Aaron Shea was present, representing Afterthoughts, for which an initial 1st Class and Outdoor
44 Consumption License Application had been submitted. He noted that the location was licensed
45 previously; this is where Sage Restaurant was located.

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47 The representative present confirmed that all required training had been completed, and no
48 changes in licensing or use from the previous year were noted.

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50 **MOTION:** *Mr. Curtis made a motion to approve the four Liquor License applications as outlined.*
51 *The motion was seconded by Mr. Messer. All voted in favor.*

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53 **4. Mad Marathon Festival Application.**

54 An email had been received from Dori Ingalls, explaining that the event logistics will generally
55 be the same as the previous year.

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57 **MOTION:** *Mr. Messer made a motion to approve the Mad Marathon Festival Application as*
58 *presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shupe. All voted in favor.*

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60 **5. Valley Players re: Sidewalk.**

61 Doug Bergstein provided an explanation of the configuration of the sidewalk drain in relation to
62 the low point along the sidewalk directly in front of the Oddfellows Hall, noting that he had
63 brought attention to this during sidewalk construction but that the grooving that was put in
64 place at that point is not directing the water to the drain, as there continues to be a height
65 difference. Ms. Sullivan noted that she had looked at the site, and the drain also appears to be
66 clogged to some degree. She indicated that she will speak with Charlie Goodman, Road
67 Commissioner, regarding the issue.

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69 **6. Appoint Jennifer Peterson as Treasurer.**

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71 **MOTION:** *Mr. Curtis made a motion to appoint Jennifer Peterson as Town Treasurer. The*
72 *motion was seconded by Ms. Ursprung. All voted in favor.*

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74 **7. Town Treasurer Hiring update.**

75 Mr. Shupe reported that VLCT has confirmed that they do not provide assistance with the
76 recruitment of Treasurers. The currently active and previous postings were discussed, and it
77 was agreed that the two applications received previously will be reviewed before recruitment
78 postings are updated/reactivated.

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80 **7A. Consider approval of Liquor License amendment for Lawson's.**

81 Ms. Sullivan explained that Lawson's intends to expand their outdoor seating/consumption
82 area; the proposal will need DRB approval, and will require an amendment to their current
83 License.

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85 **MOTION:** *Mr. Messer made a motion to approve the Liquor License Amendment for Lawson's,*
86 *contingent upon DRB approval of the expanded outdoor space. The motion was seconded by*
87 *Mr. Shupe. All voted in favor.*

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89 **8. Consent Agenda.**

90 **APPROVAL:** *The Consent Agenda was approved with no objections or concerns raised.*

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- Approve Minutes of 5/13/2024
 - Bills Payable and Treasurer’s Warrants
 - Liquor License warrants
 - Approve Conservation Commission Contracts for Knotweed projects
 - Approve Local Emergency Management Plan
 - Approve contract with Washington County Sheriffs’ Department for the same number of hours as the previous year
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100 **9. Selectboard Roundtable.**

101 Mr. Shupe provided some information regarding Hadley Gaylord’s continued use of the
102 property for pasturing and haying, and the associated need for fencing to be put in place. A site
103 visit to the parcel was scheduled for June 24, prior to the Selectboard meeting taking place on
104 that date.

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106 Mr. Messer encouraged Board members to read the full LEMP, and highlighted some important
107 sections and outlined some of the changes incorporated.

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109 Mr. Shupe provided an update on VLCT’s progress in the Town Administrator recruitment
110 process.

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112 **10. Executive Session.**

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114 **MOTION:** *A motion to enter Executive Session pursuant 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a) (3) [Personnel] passed*
115 *unanimously.*

116 The meeting entered Executive Session at 7:06 pm and returned to open session at 7:38 pm.

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118 **MOTION:** *Mr. Shupe made a motion to approve the compensation agreement with Jennifer*
119 *Peterson for her work as Town Treasurer in addition to her Town Clerk work, as discussed. The*
120 *motion was seconded by Ms. Ursprung. All voted in favor.*

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122 **MOTION:** *Mr. Messer made a motion to provide a Resolution that the Selectboard recognizes*
123 *Anthony Italiano for his 20-plus years of service to MRVT, providing a faithful and dutiful service*
124 *for the Town. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shupe. All voted in favor.*

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126 **V. Other Business**

127 **1. Correspondence/reports received** were reviewed.

128 **VI. Adjourn**

129 The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

130 Respectfully submitted,
131 Carol Chamberlin, Recording Secretary