

Brandon Special Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2015
9:00 a.m.

SB members present: Doug Bailey, Seth Hopkins, Devon Fuller, David Atherton

Also present: Dina Atwood, Larry Rogers, Jenny Beck, Lou Faivre, Dan Colton, Lee Kahrs

Doug Bailey called meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Seth Hopkins/David Atherton motion to adopt the agenda

Devon Fuller/Seth Hopkins motion to strike item #3 as unnecessary, passed 3-0

Dave Atherton/Devon Fuller motion to insert new item #3: General Fund Warrant Signing, passed 3-0

Doug Bailey called to adopt agenda as advised Seth Hopkins/Dave Atherton motion, passed 3-0

Devon Fuller/Seth Hopkins motion to go into Executive Session regarding evaluation and employment of a public officer or employee per 1 VSA 313 (3)a(4), passed 3-0 at 9:08 a.m.

Dave Atherton/Seth Hopkins motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:16 a.m., passed 3-0

Doug Bailey read the following statement:

"Robin Bennett and the Select Board have reached an amicable settlement resulting in her resignation as Town Manager. The warrant we are about to sign represents the final settlement which represents significantly less than the terms entitled her in her contract. At the advice of our attorney, this is all we can say."

Seth Hopkins/Dave Atherton motion to approve general fund warrant for a single check in the amount of \$12,578.72, passed 3-0.

Public Comment:

Jenny Beck asked what the terms of the agreement were. Select Board was advised not to discuss.

Larry Rogers asked how much the Select Board is allowed to oversee the Town. Seth Hopkins said that the Select Board is the governing body of the town and they will continue to assist in the Town as needed until a Town Manager is hired. Mr. Rogers then asked if we had authority to oversee the outstanding grants. Seth Hopkins said yes, we do.

Jenny Beck asked what the Select Board thoughts were to restructure the Town Manager position as she thought there seemed to be a history of quick turnover. Dave Atherton stated that the previous TM was here for 9 yrs+/- so there is longevity. We are updating the job description to better suit the position.

Doug Bailey said we understand the hiring process will be different next time.

Jenny Beck wanted to thank the Select Board for all of the time we have put into this.

Dave Atherton/Seth Hopkins motion to adjourn at 9:28 a.m., passed 3-0