

**Brandon Select Board Accessibility Modification Grant Hearing  
August 12, 2024**

**NOTE: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent board meeting.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Doug Bailey, Tim Guiles, Ralph Ethier

**Others In Attendance:** Seth Hopkins, Pat Snow, Steven Jupiter, Susan Benedict, Vicki Disorda, Neil Silins

**Others by Zoom:** Jack Schneider

### **1. Open Hearing**

Doug Bailey, Board Chair, opened the public hearing at 6:30PM.

Doug Bailey read the warning/notice of hearing:

The Town of Brandon received a \$100,000 Accessibility Modification Grant from the State of Vermont under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held on August 12, 2024 at 6:30PM at the Brandon Town Hall at 1 Conant Square, via zoom: Meeting ID 253 279 4161 by conference call 929-205-6099, to obtain the views of the citizens on community development; to furnish information concerning the range of community development activities that have been undertaken under this program; and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine a statement of the use of these funds.

The VCDP funds received have been used to complete physical accessibility modifications at the Brandon Free Public Library, including a limited use, limited access lift, and stair tower servicing all four levels of the building.

Information on this project is available at the Brandon Town Offices, 49 Center St., and may be viewed during the hours of Monday through Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Should you require any special accommodations, please contact Town Clerk Sue Gage at 902-247-3635 to ensure appropriate accommodations are made. For the hearing impaired, please call (TTY) #1-800-253-0191.

### **2. Public Comment**

Vicki Disorda asked if the grant was specifically for the library. Seth Hopkins reported the Town applied for the grant as a pass-through entity for the library. The library was the designated recipient of the grant. The library found the grant and asked the Town to be their sponsoring entity and the \$100,000 was fully utilized for their accessibility efforts. Ralph Ethier noted the grant did not cover the entire cost but was to assist in the effort. Steven Jupiter advised the cost of the elevator was over \$1 million. Mr. Hopkins suggested the hearing could be recessed until the Select Board meeting is called to order in the event the representative from the library arrived to provide additional information.

The hearing was recessed at 6:39PM.

The hearing was reopened at 6:50PM.

Doug Bailey requested any additional comments for the grant that was used for accessibility items for the library. Neil Silins asked if there was a match for the grant. Mr. Hopkins advised the library had requested the grant and is a pass-through for the library and there is no match required.

### **3. Close Hearing**

**Motion by Ralph Ethier/Tim Guiles to close the hearing at 6:53PM. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant  
Recording Secretary