

**Dover Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Dover Town Office
Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

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Select Board Members Present: Josh Cohen, Victoria Capitani, Sarah Shippee, Dan Baliotti, Joe Mahon
Also Present: Office Manager, Jeannette Eckert

Public: Lauren Harkawik, Adam Levine, Randy Johnson, Bob Holland, Jim McDevitt, Sandy MacDougall, Paul Fisher

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 6:30pm by Chair Josh Cohen

- I. Public Comments:** hearing none, the Board moved on to Item II
- II. Highway:** Bob Holland
- A. Certification of Compliance—Town Road & Bridge Standards
On a motion by Victoria Capitani, seconded by Sarah Shippee, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the certification of compliance
- B. Annual Financial Plan—Town Highways
On a motion by Victoria Capitani, seconded by Sarah Shippee, the Board unanimously agreed to sign the annual financial plan
- C. Guard Rails on Route 100
Sandy MacDougall—would like the Board to consider guard rails on Route 100 which would be safer and save money on plowing & seeding the topsoil; plant wildflowers
- Referring to section between Route 100 and the trail
 - Will guard rail stop the snow that much? *It will stop quite a bit*
 - Isn't this within the State Right of Way? *Yes*
 - Might have to petition the State to put guard rails up—need to investigate the standing from the State and what is involved
 - Bob will get a cost on different types—metal or wood; material options available that the State will allow
 - State reimbursed?
 - Guard rails in front of Adam's place—were not there prior to recent accident
 - Styles of these rails tend to not be aesthetically pleasing over time; rust & get banged up over the course of the winter
 - Grant money may be available—will look into it further
- III. Police:** Randy Johnson
- A. Consider Ordinance Concerning Medical Marijuana
- Believe we should be proactive on both recreational and medical marijuana
 - Would like to see how the Board is leaning on this issue
 - Sample ordinances are available to review
 - If we are going forward suggest a special town meeting vote—don't believe it should wait until next March
 - Potential to be regulated this year; whether or not it is regulated, ordinances can be in place
 - Suggest it be done with two articles—1. allow dispensary and 2. allow regulated use

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- An aspect of a dispensary could require the Planning Commission as far as zoning is concerned
- Select boards can create Town ordinances
- Marijuana is still not Federally mandated; Marijuana is still illegal on a Federal level
- Informational public meeting was attended by Sarah and Vicki
 - No sales tax collected, cash business, improvement to existing building is possible
 - No real Economic Development benefit to the Town; would be some jobs
 - Not a pharmacy-it is a dispensary
- Bennington and Brattleboro locations have been approved; one more permit available in the State of VT....for now
- Presents both a health care and a legal issue
- Also, a safety issue--cash business—can create stress on our police force
- Potential dispensary in a central location; grow facility off in the boonies
- Curious to see other bylaws enacted in other towns or ordinances—what mechanisms are being used?
- Is there an outright ban on recreational and/or medical marijuana?
 - Not legal yet but it may become legal
- Randy feels it should be banned outright
- How does medical marijuana affect driving, for example?
- There are different dosing descriptives depending on what is being treated — may create a high if the strain is strong enough; it is variable
- Believe it should be brought to a vote by the Town—perhaps three articles also including recreational marijuana; believe we should represent the people
- Organize a special town meeting in June or July

IV. Fire Dept.: Rich Werner

- A. Firehouse Floor – Rich was not present — defer to next meeting

V. New Business:

A. DRB Appointments

Sarah Shippee recused herself from the vote as she is DRB Chair

A letter of recommendation was read into the record by Chair Cohen

Appt. of Alternates Laurie Newton and Heather Kelly for one year terms

Appt. of Board members Sarah Shippee and Stephen Palermo for three-year terms

On a motion by Victoria Capitani, seconded by Joe Mahon, the Board voted 4-0-1 to accept the DRB appointments as recommended. (Shippee abstained)

VI. Liquor Control:

On a motion by Victoria Capitani, seconded by Sarah Shippee, the Board unanimously agreed to recess and convene as local Liquor Control

On a motion by Victoria Capitani, seconded by Sarah Shippee, the Board unanimously approved the following:

- A. First Class Liquor License for:

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- a. The Dover Bar & Grill Corporation
- b. Looking East Corporation d/b/a Cooper Hill Inn
- B. Second Class Liquor License for:
 - a. Fryer Realty VT LLC d/b/a Eco-tique

On a motion by Victoria Capitani, seconded by Sarah Shippee, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn as local Liquor Control and reconvened as Select Board

VII. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Minutes of March 20, 2018
On a motion by Victoria Capitani, seconded by Sarah Shippee, the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the minutes of March 20, 2018 (Capitani abstained)
- B. Approve Warrants of March 24 for \$130,731.69
On a motion by Victoria Capitani, seconded by Dan Baliotti, the Board unanimously approved the warrants of March 24, 2018

VIII. FYI:

- A. Town Office Restroom Renovation is Underway
 - The front bathroom has been gutted; Andy's counter is also being redesigned
 - One glitch unrelated to the work being done—discovered a leak in the hot water heater & pressure tank—Lane Plumbing was supposed to replace today but something must have come up—hopefully will hear tomorrow & have that completed. Currently the water is shut off so no restroom facilities in the Town Office—thankfully the Church is accommodating us.
 - Affirm Lane Plumbing expenditure at the next meeting
- B. Reminder—Dog Licenses are Due! Expire April 1st every year. If you have not yet registered your dog, please do so!

IX. Liaison Reports:

- Sarah attended the Selectboard Institute—very informative & helpful; over 100 people, a lot of new members
- Vicki attended Steve's ED meeting—well attended and good feedback from the business community; proposed projects discussed (meets the 4th Tuesday at 6:30)

X. Executive Session for Contractual Matters: Rich Werner was not present—item deferred

- A. Radio Tower

Executive Session for Personnel: Bob Holland

- A. Ad for Highway Position

On a motion by Sarah Shippee, seconded by Victoria Capitani, the Board unanimously agreed to move into Executive Session for Personnel at 7:00pm

Present: All five Board members, Bob Holland, Jeannette Eckert

On a motion by Victoria Capitani, seconded by Sarah Shippee, the Board unanimously agreed to move out of Executive Session at 7:07pm

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Decision: Bob & Jeannette will work on ads for an Asst. Road Commissioner as well as a Fill in Landfill Attendant

FYI: Vicki walked the trail several times this past weekend and noticed cracks in the concrete — damage to decking on the bridge, probably caused by snowmobiles; Bob will look into it, should be able to seal the cracks

Start thinking about employee evaluations in June

*****A quorum cannot be present for the April 17th meeting, as such the Board will meet on Tuesday April 24th at 5:30pm. Please note the change in date and time*****

XI. Adjournment at 7:16pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert

Public notices of these minutes have been posted at the following locations:
Dover Town Clerk's Bulletin Board, Dover Town Meeting Bulletin Board, Dover School
Dover Free Library, East Dover Post Office, Town of Dover Website: www.doververmont.com