Selectboard members present: Kate O'Connor, Brandie Starr, Tim Wessel, John Allen, and David Schoales.

Staff Present: Town Manager Peter Elwell, Assistant Town Manager Patrick Moreland, Town Attorney Robert Fisher, Finance Director John O’Connor, Police Chief Mike Fitzgerald, Library Director Starr LaTronica, Public Works Director Steve Barrett, and Executive Secretary Jan Anderson.

Media present: Chris Mays representing the Brattleboro Reformer and BCTV staff and volunteers.

Others present: Peter “Nick” Nickerson, Robert Stack, David Ingerman, Deb Kitzmiller, Elizabeth Clauson, Russ Grabec, Marta Bernbaum, Stephanie Bonin, Ben Coplan, Donna Rathbun, Erin Weaver, Denise Glover, Michelle Simpson-Siegel, Jim Levinson, Diana Bander, Hannah Trays, Greg Worden, Wendy Harrison, Matt Mann, Randy Schoonmaker, ASL interpreters Elizabeth Fox and Janet Dickinson, and others who did not sign the attendance sheet.

Chair O’Connor called the meeting to order at 5:15pm. She confirmed that the meeting was officially warned. She announced that the Board would hold interviews for positions on the Brattleboro Housing Partnerships (BHP) Board of Commissioners and the Tree Advisory Committee. Ben Coplan and Donna Rathbun were interviewed for the BHP position. Erin Weaver and Denise Glover were interviewed for the Tree Advisory Committee. After the interviews were complete, O’Connor said that the Board would make appointments later in the meeting.

MOTION BY KATE O’CONNOR TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACTS, LABOR RELATIONS AGREEMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES, ARBITRATION OR MEDIATION, AND THE NEGOTIATING OR SECURING OF REAL ESTATE PURCHASE OR LEASE OPTIONS, WHERE THE BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT PREMATURE GENERAL PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE WOULD CLEARLY PLACE THE SELECTBOARD AND THE PEOPLE INVOLVED AT A SUBSTANTIAL DISADVANTAGE. THE TOWN MANAGER, ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, PLANNING DIRECTOR ROD FRANCIS, AND TOWN PLANNER SUE FILLION WERE INVITED TO ATTEND. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Chair O’Connor reconvened the meeting at 6:19pm.

APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION BY JOHN ALLEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 1, 2017. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

CHAIR’S REMARKS
None.

MANAGER’S COMMENTS
Town Manager Elwell noted that several roads were temporarily closed in the north part of town due to downed electrical wires and trees from a storm that blew through about an hour ago. He said crews were out working to clear the roads and restore power. He also stated that he expected to release his written report on diversity and inclusion on September 15 and that it would be included on the September 19 Selectboard agenda for discussion. He announced that the New Hampshire Department of
Transportation would hold public meetings on Wednesday, September 13, and Thursday, September 14, to discuss the design of the new bridge between Brattleboro and Hinsdale, and said that both meetings would have a question and answer session starting at 6:30pm, followed by a formal presentation at 7:00pm. O’Connor added that the proposed design had been a collaboration with people from a citizens’ advisory panel, and she encouraged people to attend one or both of the meetings and participate in the discussion. Elwell then noted that a number of people in the community had expressed concerns about conditions of the train station in Brattleboro. He acknowledged the need for improvements and said that ongoing discussions would take place between Amtrak, VTrans, Windham County Representative Mollie Burke, Windham Regional Commission, Town representatives, the Vermont Rail Action Network, and members of the public to improve accessibility and conditions at the station.

Elwell spoke about concerns voiced by many community members about activities at “The Wall”, located adjacent to the Preston Parking Lot. He said that although the Wall was located on private property, some of the activity expanded onto public spaces on Flat Street and surrounding areas, and that public safety was of concern. He asked Police Chief Fitzgerald to speak about recent police activity in the area. Chief Fitzgerald said that during the period from June to August a greater amount of police surveillance had taken place in the area with a collaboration of agencies and that greater enforcement also included additional staffing and overtime to more strictly enforce the ordinances. He said that much of the activity took place on private property so police intervention was limited, but that adjacent property owners had given the police permission to issue trespass orders on their properties. He said that additional law enforcement was required and working collaboratively with agencies to address core behavior was important.

SELECTBOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
Allen acknowledged the death of Peter Diamondstone who, he said, was a controversial resident of Brattleboro and would be sorely missed. He offered condolences to the family.

Wessel agreed that Peter Diamondstone would be missed. He also noted the opening of the Welcoming Place at the Brattleboro Retreat, a place to provide temporary childcare for people undergoing addiction, and said it was an example of the community coming together. He also spoke about the collaboration between the Groundworks and the Winston Prouty Center to provide a winter overflow shelter for the homeless as a temporary solution to a difficult problem. He said that both efforts were the cooperation of several groups to provide for the community’s most vulnerable population.

Schoales spoke about the activity around the recent Tiny House Festival in spite of the rainy weather and said that he noted a lack of advertising support from the downtown businesses.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Hanna Neff, a member of a parents’ group on Facebook, spoke about the unsafe behavior and activities around the Preston Lot area, which created safety concerns for children going to the New England Youth Theatre, nearby park and other areas. She spoke about parents’ concerns around finding drug paraphernalia at some parks and the offensive behaviors. She agreed with Chief Fitzgerald that a collaboration with other agencies was necessary to address and solve the problem.

Robert Stack, Trustee from Brooks Memorial Library, invited the public, viewers, and residents from other towns to the Library’s 50th birthday party on Saturday, September 23, and he discussed some of the many activities planned for the celebration. He also publicly thanked Russ Brown (Maintenance Department) and Steve Barrett (Public Works Department) for their continued assistance in finding and fixing a leak in the library. Starr LaTronica, Library Director, distributed the Library’s Strategic Plan to Board members, and also invited the public to attend the birthday celebration.
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS

MOTION BY DAVE SCHOALES TO CONVENE AS LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

First Class Liquor License – Basement Pub, LLC, d/b/a Latchis Pub. Elwell said that the Board was asked to approve a first class liquor license for the Latchis Pub at 6 Flat Street (the former location of the Flat Street Pub). He said that the Police Department had approved the application and the Fire Department conditionally approved it, subject to certain fire safety improvements that would be made as part of preparing the business for opening. David Ingerman, from the Latchis Pub, spoke about his plans for the pub and a space to bring live music and entertainment. There was a brief discussion by the Board.

MOTION BY DAVE SCHOALES TO APPROVE A FIRST CLASS LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BASEMENT PUB, LLC, D/B/A LATCHIS PUB. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MOTION BY JOHN ALLEN TO ADJOURN AS LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

MOTION BY TIM WESSEL TO CONVENE AS WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Western Avenue Water Main -- Bid Award. Public Works Director Steve Barrett said that the Board was asked to award a contract in the amount of $320,210.10 to Haluch Water Contracting, Inc., of Ludlow, Massachusetts, for replacement of the water main under Western Avenue where it passed over I-91. He said that all expenses, including engineers, contractors, and incidental project expenses, were expected to be less than $375,000, which was below the $460,000 that was budgeted for the project. There was a brief discussion by the Board.

MOTION BY JOHN ALLEN TO APPROVE AWARDING A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF $320,210.10 TO HALUCH WATER CONTRACTING, INC., FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE WESTERN AVENUE WATER MAIN WHERE IT PASSES OVER I-91. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Drinking Water Asset Management Grant – Accept and Appropriate. Public Works Director Barrett said that the Board was asked to accept and appropriate a $20,000 Drinking Water Asset Management Grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to develop a drinking water asset management plan. He said that the State encouraged the Town to apply for the grant. There was some discussion by the Board.

MOTION BY TIM WESSEL TO APPROVE A $20,000 DRINKING WATER ASSET MANAGEMENT GRANT FROM THE VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MOTION BY BRANDIE STARR TO ADJOURN AS WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police-Fire Facilities Project

(i) Overall Project Update
(ii) Authorization to Proceed with Plymovent System at the Central Fire Station and with Building Demolition, Parking Lot Construction, and Sitework at the Former West Brattleboro Fire Station
(iii) See 10.B.(i) Below re: Parking on Elliot Street and Church Street
Elwell provided the Board with an update on the progress of the reconstruction of the Police Department and Central Fire Station. He said that a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Police Department was scheduled on Friday, September 15, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. He said that after the public celebration, the Police Department would move critical equipment into the station and be fully functional at the new location on Monday, September 18. He then discussed the ongoing construction at the Central Fire Department. He noted that due to the unsafe conditions at the facility, the living quarters for the firefighters were temporarily moved out of the building and into an apartment at Moore Court for approximately three weeks. He thanked Chris Hart, Executive Director of Brattleboro Housing Partnerships, for offering the temporary space to the firefighters. He said that later in the agenda the Board would be asked to modify the parking ordinances on Elliot and Church Streets to accommodate the movement of the fire apparatus from the new facility. He reviewed the changes to the ordinances and to the street and curbs. He reviewed expenses that he authorized administratively, as set forth in his memo dated August 31, 2017, as well as other recommendations that would be presented to the Police-Fire Facilities Building Committee. In addition, he asked the Board to authorize expenditure of (1) $55,000 for demolition of the old West Brattleboro Fire Station and construction of a new parking lot, drainage, and landscape improvements (all in compliance with the DRB approval of this project), and (2) $33,000 for expansion of the Plymovent vehicle exhaust system at the Central Fire Station. There was a brief discussion by the Board.

**MOTION BY BRANDIE STARR TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF $55,000 FOR DEMOTION OF THE OLD WEST BRATTLEBORO FIRE STATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PARKING LOT, DRAINAGE, AND LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AT THAT SITE, AND THE EXPENDITURE OF $33,000 FOR EXPANSION OF THE PLYMOVENT VEHICLE EXHAUST SYSTEM AT THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Panhandling – Continued Discussion (from July 11 meeting). O’Connor said that the Board was asked to hold a discussion about panhandling, as first discussed at a Board meeting on July 11. She summarized that the Board agreed on July 11 to four suggestions made at that meeting, including (1) the possibility of creating a jobs program similar to programs in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Portland, Maine, (2) installing collection boxes for donations to assist with broader social service needs, (3) an outreach task force to be formed by Police Chief Fitzgerald, and (4) a survey initiated by the Downtown Brattleboro Alliance (DBA) and Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) to gather information about people’s experiences and situations. Elwell spoke at length about his research into the jobs program in Albuquerque and Portland, including contracting with an outside entity for placement of day workers, transportation of day laborers to job sites, costs, and administrative challenges. Police Chief Fitzgerald spoke about the positive response from local agencies to assist on a task force. He said that representatives from Turning Point (recovery service), Brattleboro Memorial Hospital (medical outreach), the police social worker (mental health/social services) and law enforcement were working together. He also contacted and met with representatives from PAARI (Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative), an organization out of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to discuss its outreach model and learn about programs from other communities throughout the country dealing with such issues. Michelle Simpson-Siegel (from DBA) spoke about development of a survey which would be launched soon to downtown residents in the DID, other Brattleboro residents, and merchants. She also discussed another initiative to bring more immediate action. That initiative was permission to post a public service announcement flyer/sign ("sign") with language addressing the legality and illegality of panhandling and to provide a contact number to service agencies for people panhandling to contact for assistance. She asked that the Town authorize the sign and for permission to install it at locations such as parking meters and ATMs, in order to educate the public and people panhandling about their respective rights. She said that the sign would not be at a cost to the Town. Chief Fitzgerald was asked to clarify when panhandling became illegal. Fitzgerald confirmed that panhandling was protected under the First Amendment but would
become illegal if the behavior became disorderly or aggressive, particularly when someone was vulnerable or their safety was threatened, such as when they had money in hand, or were opening a purse, or unable to move away. Several people in the audience provided their opinions and comments, including Michelle Simpson-Siegel, Stephanie Bonin, Diana Bander, Elizabeth Clauson, Marta Bernbaum, Pete “Nick” Nickerson, and Hannah Treys. There was substantial discussion by the Board and each Board member provided their opinions and perspectives. The Board members also discussed revising the wording on the sign so it was clear and within legal limits. The Board asked the Town Manager to work with the citizens’ committee to revise the sign and to bring the matter before the Board at the next meeting, including information about where the sign would be permitted to be displayed. Elwell also asked for clarification on the four other initiatives that had been proposed at the July 11 meeting.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

O’Connor called for a five minute recess at 8:25pm. She reconvened the meeting at 8:32pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report – Monthly Report, July. Finance Director John O’Connor presented and discussed the monthly financial report for July. Schoales suggested that the Town consider offering small business grants. Elwell suggested that Schoales meet with him and Finance Director O’Connor during office hours to discuss details around Schoales’ suggestion. There was a brief discussion by the Board about the financial report.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

Ordinance Amendments – First Reading

(i) Modifying On-Street Parking on Elliot Street and Church Street
Appendix C, Articles I, II, and III, Sections 16-87, 16-100, and 16-110
(ii) Increasing Speed Limit on Vernon Street
Appendix C, Article IV, Section 16-46(b)

Assistant Town Manager Moreland said that the Board was asked to hold a first reading on amendments to Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances. He reviewed the proposed amendments to Articles I, II, and III and said that the amendments would alter parking on Elliot Street to allow for the Fire Department vehicles’ turning radium when leaving the station at the intersection of Spring Street and Elliot Street and add three metered spaces on Church Street to make more on-street parking available to the public. He then reviewed the amendment to Article IV (increasing the speed on Vernon Street) and said that the amendment had previously been approved by the Traffic Safety Committee and the Selectboard. O’Connor said that a second reading and public hearing on all of the amendments would take place at the next Selectboard meeting. There was some discussion by the Board.

NO MOTION WAS OFFERED.

Release of Right of First Refusal and Waiver of Roll Back Tax – Chamberlin Farm. Elwell said that the Board was asked to take action on two matters pertaining to the Phoebe Chamberlin farm which was subject to a Farm Tax Stabilization Agreement. He said that Ms. Chamberlin requested that the Town waive its Right of First Refusal to purchase the farm for the price of $250,000. There was no discussion by the Board.

MOTION BY JOHN ALLEN TO WAIVE AND RELEASE THE TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO’S RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO PURCHASE THE CHAMBERLIN FARM FOR $250,000. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
Elwell then said that the Board was also asked to waive or reduce the rollback tax recapture payment in the amount of $14,858.28, as set forth in the memorandum dated August 30, 2017, from Town Attorney Robert Fisher. He said that the Farm Tax Stabilization Agreement contained a provision that allowed for the waiver or reduction of the tax in the case of serious illness, disability, or other circumstances. He said that the Board received a letter in its back-up materials from Ms. Chamberlin’s Attorney Jodi French outlining several health issues and other hardships. There was no discussion by the Board.

MOTION BY DAVE SCHOALES TO WAIVE THE ROLLBACK TAX RECAPTURE PAYMENT REQUIRED BY THE FARM TAX STABILIZATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO AND PHOEBE CHAMBERLIN ON THE BASIS OF MS. CHAMBERLIN’S DECLINING HEALTH AND OTHER HARDSHIPS AS SET FORTH IN THE LETTER DATED AUGUST 28, 2017, FROM ATTORNEY JODI FRENCH. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc. (Connecticut River Transit) – Update. Randy Schoonmaker, from Southeast Vermont Transit (SEVT) representing The Moover and The Current services, was present and provided the Board with an update on services. He thanked the Town for its annual financial contribution. He said that the ridership on the Brattleboro lines had been decreasing for the last couple of years and SEVT was able to obtain a planning grant through VTrans to bring in a consultant to review the current situation, including extensive public outreach. He said that transit demands had changed and a new plan was being developed to improve ridership, make the schedule easier to read, and make the operation more efficient. He said that the total number of hours of service and the fare structure would not increase. He expected to come back to the public in late September or early October with a revised plan and would then work on obtaining full process approval so that the new plan could be implemented in late fall or early winter. There was some discussion by the Board. Schoonmaker was asked to come back before the Board in October to present the revised plan.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

Downtown Brattleboro Alliance (DBA) – Semi-Annual Update. Michelle Simpson-Siegel and Stephanie Bonin, representatives from DBA, provided the Board with an update regarding DBA’s programs in downtown Brattleboro as set forth in the July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 report provided to the Board in its back-up materials. There was some discussion by the Board.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

Approve Contract -- Wex Fuel Services. Elwell said that the Board was asked to authorize the Town Manager to execute an addendum to the Fuel Card Services Agreement between WEX Bank and the State of Vermont, allowing the Town to purchase gas at commercial stations for a discounted price. He said that the system was expected to serve the Town’s needs as well or better than the Town’s “gas station” at Public Works. He said that if the WEX system worked as well as expected, the Town would be able to remove the gas tanks from the DPW site, reduce long term capital costs, and eliminate the ongoing liability, as set forth in the memo from Assistant Town Manager Patrick Moreland, dated August 15, 2017. There was some discussion by the Board.

MOTION BY DAVE SCHOALES TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN ADDENDUM TO THE FUEL CARD SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEX BANK AND THE STATE OF VERMONT. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

VCDP Grants for Windham + Windsor Housing Trust Projects –
(i) Accept and Appropriate Grant for Lamplighter/Great River Project
(ii) Public Hearing to Close Out Portfolio Enhancement 3 Project

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Assistant Town Manager Moreland said that the Board was asked to address two separate grants for projects administered under sub-grant agreements with the Windham and Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT). He said that the Board was first asked to accept and appropriate a $420,000 Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) grant and to authorize the Town Manager to execute related documents in support of the WWHT’s “Brattleboro Permanent Supportive Housing Project” that would transform the Lamplighter Motel property into transitional housing with a variety of support services on site, as set forth in his memorandum dated August 15, 2017. There was a brief discussion by the Board.

**MOTION BY DAVE SCHOALES TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A GRANT FROM THE VERMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF $420,000 FOR THE BRATTLEBORO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT, AND TO FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF VERMONT, A V.C.D.P. LOAN AND SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH THE GREAT RIVER TERRACE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, AND A PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE WINDHAM AND WINDSOR HOUSING TRUST, ALL IN SUPPORT OF THE BRATTLEBORO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Moreland then said that the Board was also asked to hold a public hearing for the purpose of closing out the administration of a $425,000 VCDP grant that enabled WWHT to renovate 5 multi-family properties (comprising 29 rental housing units) in Brattleboro through the “Portfolio Enhancement 3 Project.”

O’Connor opened the public hearing.

There was no public comment.

O’Connor closed the public hearing.

Wessel noted the favorable appearance of the Green Street sites.

**NO MOTION WAS OFFERED.**

**First Wednesday Grant – Accept and Appropriate, Brooks Memorial Library.** Elwell said that the Board was asked to accept and appropriate a $650 grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries to support the First Wednesday Speaker Series at Brooks Memorial Library.

He then said that because of the late hour he would present the next four grants and that all five grants could be voted under one motion.

**RERP Grant – Ratify Town Manager’s Approval to Submit Application.** Elwell said that the deadline for submitting the Town’s annual application for a $15,000 Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP) grant from the Vermont Department of Public Safety was August 17, 2017 so he authorized that the application be submitted and asked the Board to ratify his decision.

**JAG Grant – Ratify Town Manager’s Approval to Submit Application.** Elwell said that the deadline for submitting the Town’s annual application for a $17,264 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the United States Department of Justice was earlier today so he authorized that the application be submitted and asked the Board to ratify his decision.

**Community Wellness Grant – Approve Application, BASIC, Recreation & Parks Department.** Elwell said that the Board was asked to authorize the Recreation and Parks Department and BASIC (Brattleboro Area Skatepark is Coming) to apply for a $15,000 Community Wellness Grant from the State of Vermont’s Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports to provide funding support for construction of a skatepark at Living Memorial Park.
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program – Dry Hydrant Grant, Fire Department. Elwell said that the Board was asked to authorize the Fire Department to apply for a $5,000 Rural Fire Protection Program Grant from the State of Vermont's Rural Fire Protection Task Force to provide funding support for construction of a dry hydrant at 87 Goodenough Road.

There was a brief discussion about the JAG grant only.

MOTION BY JOHN ALLEN TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A $650 GRANT FROM THE VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES FOR THE FIRST WEDNESDAY SPEAKER SERIES AT BROOKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, AND

TO RATIFY THE TOWN MANAGER’S DECISION TO APPLY FOR A $15,000 R.E.R.P. GRANT FROM THE VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND

TO RATIFY THE TOWN MANAGER’S DECISION TO APPLY FOR A $17,264 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND

TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR A $15,000 COMMUNITY WELLNESS GRANT FROM THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS TO PROVIDE FUNDING SUPPORT FOR A SKATEPARK AT LIVING MEMORIAL PARK, AND

TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR A $5,000 RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE TO PROVIDE FUNDING SUPPORT FOR A DRY HYDRANT AT 87 GOODENOUGH ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

VLCT Annual Business Meeting – Appoint Delegate. O’Connor said that the Board was asked to appoint Town Manager Elwell as the Town’s official voting delegate for the annual business meeting of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT). Schoales asked Elwell to specifically highlight (as a priority) the language in the proposed bill regarding establishment of a baseline of current educational performances to later measure the effects of Act 46. There was no further discussion.

MOTION BY KATE O’CONNOR TO APPOINT TOWN MANAGER PETER ELWELL AS THE TOWN’S DELEGATE TO THE [VLCT] BUSINESS MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Committee Appointments. O’Connor said that the Board was asked to make appointments to fill vacancies on the Town Arts Committee, Brattleboro Housing Partnerships Board of Commissioners, Recreation and Parks Board, and Tree Advisory Committee. She said that the Board held interviews for contested seats immediately preceding the meeting.

ARTS COMMITTEE:
JOHN ALLEN NOMINATED MARSHA BARD FOR A 3-YEAR TERM. NOMINATION CARRIED 5-0.

BRATTLEBORO HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:
DAVE SCHOALES NOMINATED BEN COPLAN.
BRANDIE STARR NOMINATED DONNA RATHBUN.
There was a brief discussion about the applicants. Wessel encouraged the applicant who was not selected to apply for appointment to another committee.
VOTES FOR COPLAN – 1 (SCHOALES); VOTES FOR RATHBUN – 4 (O’CONNOR, STARR, WESSEL AND ALLEN). RATHBUN WAS APPOINTED.
RECREATION & PARKS BOARD:
TIM WESSEL NOMINATED CONNOR FLOYD. NOMINATION CARRIED 5-0.

TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
DAVE SCHOALES NOMINATED ERIN WEAVER.
TIM WESSEL NOMINATED DENISE GLOVER.
VOTES FOR ERIN WEAVER – 4; VOTES FOR DENISE GLOVER – 4. WEAVER AND GLOVER WERE BOTH APPOINTED.

Announce Committee Vacancies – O’Connor said that the Board was asked to announce vacancies on several Town boards and committees. Wessel read the list of vacancies, as set forth on the press release in the Board’s back-up materials. There was a brief discussion about the date that the Board would make future appointments.

NO MOTION WAS OFFERED.

There was no further business.

MOTION BY BRANDIE STARR TO ADJOURN AT 9:51PM. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

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Tim Wessel, Clerk