

1 **Selectboard**
2 March 1, 2021
3 Remote Meeting Minutes

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5 *minutes. Meetings may be videotaped and posted on YouTube; GMATV info: PO Box 581, Hyde Park*
6 *info@greenmountainaccess.tv or 851-1592*

7 Members Virtual: Susan Bartlett, Chair; Dave Gagnier; Roger Audet, Roland Boivin; Brian Shackett
8 Members Absent: None
9 Virtual Attendees: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Richard Grogan; Elisabeth Fenn; Jim Noyes;
10 Mari Nazzaro; Liz Courtney; Matt Reed; unidentified callers; GMATV recorded this
11 meeting for posting on YouTube.

12 Susan opened the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

13 1. **PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING** – Susan welcomed everyone and reviewed each of the Town
14 Meeting articles being voted this year by Australian ballot. The Article 5, Town Budget,
15 discussion included an overview of on-call inspection services which would be done for highway
16 projects, village water works inspections, and the upcoming Sink Hole project, to allow the
17 highway crew to focus on highway work. Dick Grogan reviewed his past experiences doing
18 similar work for private businesses and the Town of Stowe. Dick is a Hyde Park resident who
19 provides construction management services under his business RLG Professional Services,
20 LLC at \$50/hour. Brian asked about list of tasks to be performed and Dave wanted to know how
21 much the town is spending now on inspection services. Ron said a scope of services does need
22 to be defined and currently inspection services are done by engineers or consultants as needed
23 for various projects and those rates are higher than \$50/hr. Ron guessed that about \$5,000
24 could be spent as a preliminary budget. Susan said this summer would be a pilot project for
25 these on-call services to support the highway crew and the Town would revisit how it goes this
26 fall. Liz Courtney reminded the board that the Gihon Valley Hall Committee had asked for their
27 annual budget to be increased from \$3,500 to \$5,000 to cover the cost of public Wi-Fi at the hall
28 but it was not included in the final budget being voted tomorrow. Ron said he would work with
29 Liz and Al Spitzer to come up with a plan to fund the Wi-Fi. Liz reported that Master Plan for
30 GVH work at the building is available and a new grant of \$50,000 would help replace windows,
31 noting that acceptance of the grant requires historic renovation standards to be met and the
32 Board asked for more information on those grant conditions. Susan thanked Liz for a great
33 overview report on GVH activities that was recently published. Susan noted that voter absentee
34 ballot requests are much higher this year and voter participation appears to be strong even
35 though there is no floor meeting this year.

36 2. **Adjourn** – Motion by Brian to adjourn, seconded by Roland. So voted at 7:06 p.m.