

Select Board Members  
 Peter Hood, Chair  
 Mary Just Skinner,  
Vice Chair  
 Phil Hyjek  
 Steve Martin  
 Liz Scharf

MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Tuesday, January 26, 2021  
REMOTE VIA ZOOM  
Middlesex Town Clerk's Office  
5 Church Street  
Middlesex, Vermont 05602  
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MINUTES.

**PRESENT:** Peter O. Hood, Chair, Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair, Members Steve Martin, Phil Hyjek and Liz Scharf. Treasurer Dorinda Crowell. Vic Dwire and Randy Drury. Select Board Assistant Sarah Merriman took the minutes and the meeting was recorded by ORCA.

**Call to Order/Amendments**

Peter called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM and welcomed guests. There were no amendments to the agenda.

**Road Commissioner Position**

Peter opened the meeting by noting that at the March 2, 2021 Town Meeting, Vic Dwire is running for the three-year Select Board seat he holds and Gary Lamell is running for the two-year Select Board seat held by Steve. Both Gary and Vic have said they would like to serve as Road Commissioner. Former Road Commissioner Steve said the Board should move forward and interview Gary and Vic, especially since it's been more than three weeks since Steve resigned. Phil and Liz agreed. Phil said he would like to join the interview committee and would suggest Liz replaced Steve, but Steve has the most knowledge. Peter suggested the whole Board participate in the interview. Mary said she thinks the Board should wait until after Town Meeting due to a potential conflict of interest involving the two Board members and the applicants. Steve said if there are five Select Board members present, there would be no conflict. Randy suggested the three members who do not have conflicts should do the interview, perhaps with the input of a community member. Steve said he and Peter can recuse themselves from the vote and yet participate in the interview. Randy said that would make sense. The Board suggested one half hour per person. Liz said the new foreman Shane Brickey should be there. Peter said having Steve and Shane together increases the potential conflict of interest since Shane is Steve's son. Steve said he'd rather not have his son in the meeting. Phil said that since both Peter and Steve have declared a conflict of interest, they have fulfilled state statutes regarding full disclosure. The meeting will be on February 2 and the interviews will be held at 5 PM and held in Executive Session. Both Gary and Vic confirmed they could attend the meeting.

**MOTION:** Liz moved that the Board should conduct interviews on February 2, 2021 with the two candidates for Road Commissioner and that Peter and Steve will recuse themselves from the vote, but attend the interview process. Phil seconded. Peter, Steve, Phil and Liz voted in favor; Mary voted against. The motion passed. Mary left the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Merriman, Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant

THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE REMOTELY APPROVED AS A WARNED AGENDA ITEM AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD ON FEBRUARY 2, 2021.

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PETER O. HOOD, CHAIR

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