

**Select Board Meeting, Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>,2022 at 6:00pm**  
**Town Office Meeting Room: 37, High Street Cavendish Vermont**

**Present:** Bob Glidden (Chairman), George Timko, Sandra Russo, Stephen Plunkard, Brendan McNamara (Town Manager via speaker phone) and Jen Leak (Recording Secretary).

**Absent:** Mike Ripley

**1. Call the meeting to order**

Bob Glidden, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Adjust agenda**

There were no adjustments.

**3. Select Board to discuss and consider Town Meeting Options for 2022.**

Brendan thanked everyone for their patience tonight letting him attend via telephone. He explained that he is a close contact to a family member who has tested positive for Covid-19 and is in quarantine.

Brendan said that the Board had discussed options for Town Meeting and at a previous meeting and expressed interest in holding a hybrid informational meeting so that people could attend either in person or via zoom, followed by voting via Australian ballot the following day. Brendan said that OVTV could provide this option but they are already committed to other towns on February 28, the original town meeting day. He said that they could accommodate a hybrid meeting for Cavendish on another day.

Brendan said that the Governor has signed the bill allowing the Board to change the date of town meeting and to hold a vote by Australian ballot. He said that he is recommending moving Town Meeting to Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and voting on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Brendan said that would allow time for him to finish quarantine so he can meet with the Board in person to finish the budget and would also leave some extra time in case of any other delays in order to get the Town Report out on time.

Brendan added that elected officials can stay in their current positions until the local election takes place and a consent to run form is needed rather than a petition to be placed on ballot.

*George Timko moved/Bob Glidden seconded a motion to move Town Meeting to Monday, March 28, 2022 as a hybrid meeting with voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 29 2022. All voted in favor.*

**4. Work on FY '22-'23 Budget.**

Bob said suggested that the Board suspend this item until they can all meet in person. Brendan agreed and said that he will keep the Board updated. The Board wished Brendan and his family well. Bob added that he would like to thank Phon and Willie for clearing snow away from the fire station and hydrants. Brendan left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

George asked how the Town Report printing will work with the new Town Meeting day. Jen said that she will let the printer know and it will give us more time to get things to them.

**5. Adjourn**

*George Timko moved/Bob Glidden seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:11 p.m. All voted in favor.*

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_