

1 **BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD**

2 **SPECIAL MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM**

3 **BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201**

4 **APRIL 1, 2021**

5 **MINUTES**

6 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BY VIDEOCONFERENCE:** Jeannie Jenkins-Vice Chair; Jeanne
7 Conner; Jim Carroll; Bruce Lee-Clark; Sarah Perrin; Tom Haley; and Gary Corey.

8 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Donald Campbell.

9 **ALSO PRESENT BY VIDEOCONFERENCE:** Stuart Hurd-Town Manager; Dan Monks-Assistant
10 Town Manager; Josh Boucher-CAT-TV; and Nancy H. Lively-Secretary.

11 At 6:00pm, Vice-Chair Jeannie Jenkins called the meeting to order and explained that,
12 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency declared by Governor Scott, and pursuant
13 to Addendum 6 to Executive Order 01-20, Act 92, this public body is authorized to meet
14 electronically. There is no physical location to attend this meeting, however, the public may
15 view it on CAT-TV or CAT-TV Facebook. You may also join the meeting as an attendee using the
16 web link listed in the public notice. If technology fails us, the meeting will be continued at a
17 time and place to be determined and all votes that are not unanimous will be done with a roll
18 call vote in accordance with the law.

19 Because this is a special meeting for the reorganization of the Board, we will not have a
20 Consent Agenda or have a public comment period. However, the public is encouraged to
21 contact our Town Manager or any of the Select Board members by going onto the Town's
22 website. Our newest Board members, Tom Haley and Gary Corey, will be listed by our regular
23 meeting on April 12th.

24 **1. BOARD REORGANIZATION**

25 *Bruce Lee-Clark moved and Jim Carroll seconded to nominate Jeannie Jenkins for Chair*
26 *of the Select Board.*

27 Mr. Lee-Clark cited the work that Ms. Jenkins has done the past year as Vice-Chair and
28 on the Policing Sub-Committee, the knowledge that she has of the Town functions, people, and
29 agencies, as well as, her commitment to change in openness, diversity, and inclusiveness.

30 *The motion carried unanimously.*

31 *Jim Carroll moved and Sarah Perrin seconded to nominate Jeanne Conner for Vice-*
32 *Chair of the Select Board.*

33 Mr. Carroll cited Ms. Conner's philosophical background to be involved in the
34 community and her display of true integrity and sincerity. You can always count on Ms. Conner
35 to tell it like it is and be honest. She is naturally outgoing, enjoys getting to know our
36 constituents, and learning from people that have had a different life experience than she has
37 had.

38 *The motion carried unanimously.*

39 **2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

40 **A. LITIGATION**

41 *At 6:07pm, Bruce Lee-Clark moved and Jeanne Conner seconded that the meeting was*
42 *adjourned finding that an Executive Session be held on Litigation as premature public*
43 *knowledge would place a person involved in the subject matter at a substantial*
44 *disadvantage. There will be no actions taken on this item when going back into Open*
45 *Session. The motion carried unanimously.*

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49 Respectfully submitted,

50 Nancy H. Lively

51 Secretary

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