

Special Select Board Meeting

Wednesday December 30, 2020 6:30pm Zoom

Members: Earl Doming JR, Ken Adams JR, Kevin Leavitt
7:10pm

Guests: Cathy Mander Adams (T.C.)/Host of Zoom meeting.

Motion: Ken, Earl² The select Board approved board orders dated 12/30/2020 in the amount of \$ 8,650.86 and to authorize the treasurer to pay the expenses from this order.

Motion: passed

Town meeting Discussion

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Scott extending the declaration of a state emergency for Vermont.

The current guidelines will not allow the town to hold Town meeting on March 2, 2020 in traditional fashion.

Act 162, (Temporary law) enacted by the Vt. Legislature, allows a Legislative body to vote to use Australian Ballot for any town meeting in 2021 because of COVID-19 concerns.

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Current law does not allow town meeting to be postponed to a later date. Ken shared information from state representative ~~Ken~~ Dan Noyes that when the legislature returns for the new session in January 2021, a proposed legislation would allow postponement of town meeting to a later date where conditions should be more favorable for a safe form of gathering of the public. If passed. Also there are specific dates that have to be met for various notifications.

At this time the select Board's consensus is to do its best for the interest of the town's people who hold the sanctity of Town Meeting so dear.

Other towns have moved to Australian Ballot Possible Plan A/plan B approach. Public notification of circumstance is important.

Unsure of the next step
Board adjourned 9:04 pm