



**Town of Whitingham
Office of the Selectboard**

MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

These Minutes shall be accepted into the public record (with any corrections noted) at a future meeting of the Whitingham Selectboard.1

The Whitingham Selectboard held a special meeting on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 11:45am in the Selectboard Office of the Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT.

Selectboard members in attendance: Keith Bronson, Chair, attended via Skype. Robin Kingsley and Greg Brown attended via telephone.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Office Administrator; Mike Eldred, Deerfield Valley News, Scott Reed and Phil Edelstein, residents; Laurie Longo.

Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda

Keith Bronson called the meeting to order at 11:51am. There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

Hearing of Visitors no comments

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 963, consider an appointment of Selectboard seat vacated on February 13, 2019

Karl Twitchell resigned from the Selectboard on February 13, 2019. His term was ending at town meeting and he was only going to be missing two regularly scheduled Selectboard meetings.

Allan Twitchell resigned from the Selectboard on February 27, 2019. His term was not ending until town meeting 2020.

When VLCT was contacted to clarify how to fill the seat vacated by Allan Twitchell we became aware that a notice should have been posted within 10 days of Karl Twitchell's resignation. VLCT said because his seat would be filled in a few days by Australian Ballot to not worry about it but to include the vacancy on the notice we are required to post within 10 days of Allan Twitchell's resignation.

The Selectboard scheduled this special meeting to discuss the error and decide if they wanted to fill Karl Twitchell's seat by appointment or just wait for Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Greg Brown to allow the seat vacated by Karl Twitchell to remain vacant until Town Meeting. Robin Kingsley was concerned that this might not be legal. Gig told the board that in her discussions with VLCT regarding this matter they informed her that the board is perfectly within their rights to appoint someone now or they could just wait until Town Meeting since it was so close. **Robin Kingsley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called:**

Keith Bronson – yes

Greg Brown – yes

Robin Kingsley - yes

Other business / Office Administrator – as needed

Matter brought forth by a resident: A call was made to the Selectboard office asking if any political laws were broken by Keith Bronson signing a letter to the editor of the Deerfield Valley News with his title as Selectboard Chair. Greg Brown questioned Mr. Bronson if he wrote that letter on behalf of the Selectboard or if he wrote it personally. Mr. Bronson indicated that his intent was personal. The resident who questioned the issue asked Gig to contact VLCT to make sure no laws were broken. Gig immediately called and emailed VLCT but did not receive a response at the time of this meeting.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Robin Kingsley, seconded by Greg Brown, all in favor.

Keith Bronson adjourned the meeting at 11:57am.

Respectfully submitted,
~Gig Zboray