

Town of Bethel
Selectboard Agenda
Monday, March 14, 2022
6 pm @ Bethel Town Hall
& via Zoom

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 869 3015 2136 Passcode: 841306 Dial: 1-646-558-8656

6 pm: Town Manager calls the meeting to order and accepts nomination(s) for Selectboard Chair for 1 year term.

6:05 pm: motion to approve/amend the agenda

6:10 pm: Ferron Griffin, Co-Chair Bethel Conservation Commission re: permission to create a pollinator patch at Peavine Park. (map in packet)

Public Comment

Annual Organizational Business:

Motion to designate The Herald as Newspaper of Record.

Motion to designate the Town Clerk's Office, Town Manager's Office and Bethel Public Library as physical locations to post meeting notices.

Motion to authorize a Board member to sign orders (a/p & payroll) on behalf of the Town.

Discussion/Motion to adopt the Rules of Procedure -updated since last year.

Discussion/Motion to appoint a Vice Chair

Locust Creek Store, 2nd Class Liquor License

Discussion/Motion to approve

Bethel Central Market, 2nd Class Liquor License

Discussion/Motion to approve

Policy Regarding Road Postings

Discussion/Motion to approve updated policy

H.518 Bill to establish Municipal Fuel Switching Grant Program

Discussion to send letter of support to the Senate

Minutes and Communications:

1. Town Manager's Report
2. Selectboard Minutes from 2/28/2022
3. Other Communications: Official Vote Results, Financials, etc.
4. Any Other Business Necessary to Come Before the Board

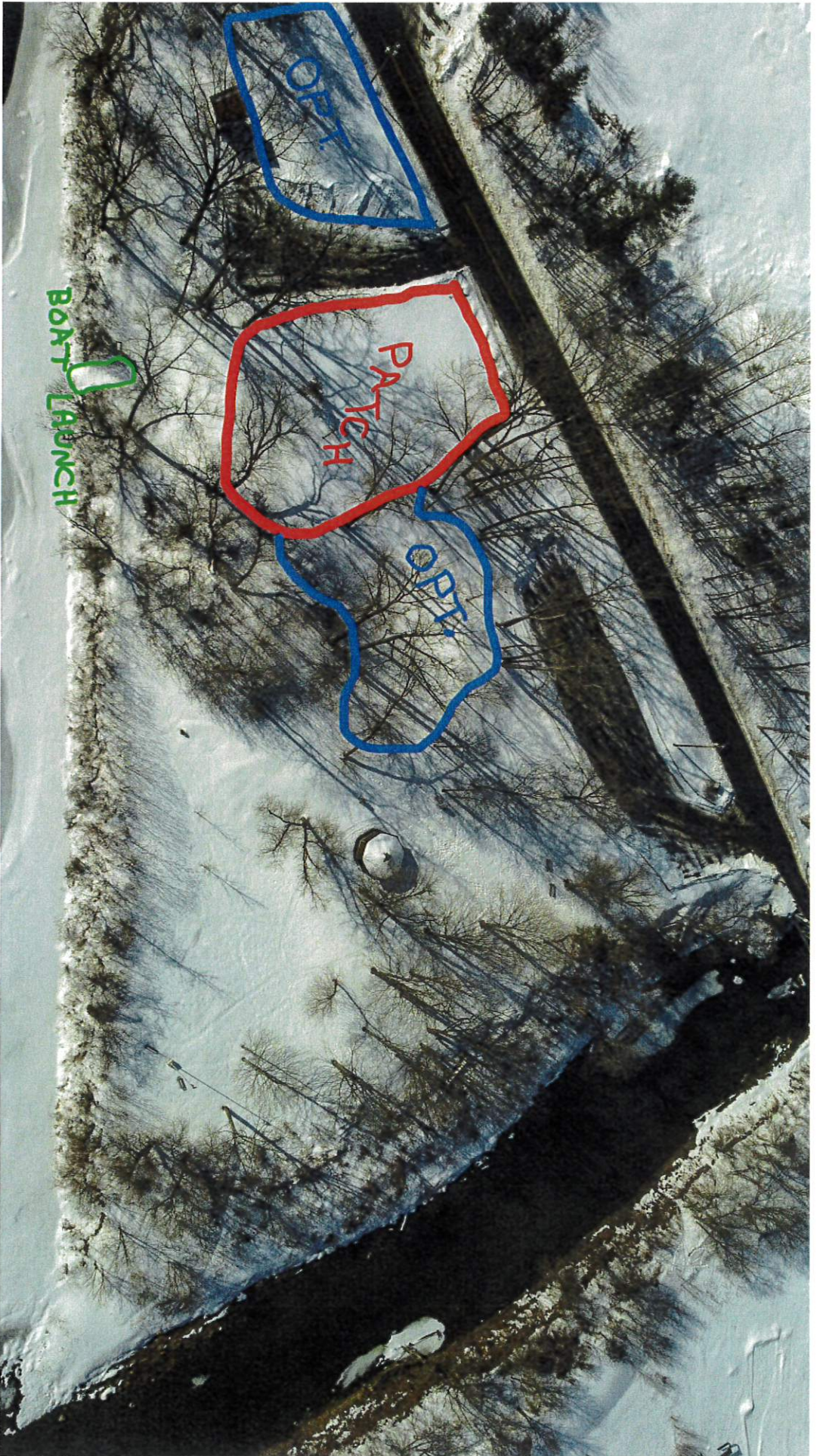
Motion to enter executive session to discuss the annual evaluation of the Town Manager per 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3).

Town Manager's Report for March 14, 2022:

Chris just informed me, that the boys basketball team is headed to the Barre Auditorium for a playoff game this Saturday, March 12th at noon. We are also expecting a snowstorm. IF the game is rescheduled to Monday night, we would like to move our Selectboard Meeting to Tuesday, March 15th at 6pm, so residents and/or Board members can attend the game to show their support. Chris has agreed to monitor the situation and will let me know. In turn, I will let you know. If you are not in favor of this, please let me know ASAP.

- **I will call the meeting to order and you will elect the Chair for the upcoming year.**
- **Ferron will be here on behalf of the Conservation Commission, to seek permission to create a pollinator patch at Peavine, with the guidance of Bee the Change, a non-profit seeking to create a patch in all 251 VT towns. A map of the area (in RED, 4,700 sq ft) that they want to plant, with the 2 blue areas being optional additional areas (totaling roughly 5,000 sq ft). They will be meeting with Bee the Change in spring to discuss the project, and if those optional areas would be recommended. These areas becoming a pollinator patch would result in these areas not being mowed throughout the summer.**
- **This is the annual organizational meeting, so there are some legal things you need to do. One of the things you do is to adopt your Rules of Procedure. I went to VLCT's website and found their Rules of Procedure, so I reviewed both and came up with a new version for you to edit, adopt, etc. Your rules of procedure have also stated since 2016 that you have a Vice Chair, so I thought you might like to vote one in. If not, you can amend your procedures as needed.**
- **Chris asked me at our last meeting if, as the Local Liquor Control Board, you could deny a liquor license due to delinquent taxes or utilities, and the answer is yes. I emailed our State Local Liquor Inspector, Patrick Ross. I have notified one business of that new information, that currently has an outstanding water/sewer bill. They have not yet requested a liquor license renewal.**
- **The State of Vermont sent out information on Rule 118-4, using that information, I updated our Policy Regarding Road Postings.**
- **Gene, Paul and I attended the Bethel Energy Committee meeting on 3/8/2022. Discussion of H.518 came up. That is the bill I mentioned last meeting, which if approved, will provide funding to municipalities to replace heating systems with renewable energy systems in municipal buildings, and expand the State's Energy Revolving Fund to help Town's borrow money for cost saving energy improvements. Rep. White said the bill made it out of committee and has strong support, but wrangling over some wording. He thinks a letter of support to the Senate might be helpful.**

- Excellent news from Bernie Sander's Office, our \$600,000 earmark for Sand Hill is in the appropriations package and fingers crossed it will be passed in Congress by the end of the week. I am expecting a call from Senator Sanders Office and will hopefully have more details for you Monday night.
- TRORC and Mt. Ascutney Prevention Partnership (MAPP) would like to know if you are interested in pursuing an ordinance to address recommendations made in the Town Plan. There has been an issue with smoking and proper disposal of tobacco products at the Rec Area and other places in Town. Currently the Facility Use Policy only prohibits smoking at Town Hall, Peavine Park and the Bandshell. I have spoken with Dietre and she is willing to work with TRORC and MAPP to draft the ordinance.
- My list of things to do currently includes: issuing RFP for Christian Hill Better Roads grant, issuing letter/RFP for local businesses/contractors to maintain flower gardens, write paving grant, finalize structures grant application, advertise for summer hire for mowing and water, reissue stonewall RFP, RFP for roof for Town Office and other miscellaneous issues to manage.



BETHEL SELECTBOARD RULES OF PROCEDURE

A. PURPOSE.

The Selectboard of the Town of Bethel, is required by law to conduct its meetings in accordance with the Vermont Open Meeting Law. 1 V.S.A. §§ 310-314. Meetings of the Selectboard of the Town of Bethel must be open to the public at all times, except as provided in 1 V.S.A. § 313.

B. APPLICATION.

This policy setting forth rules of procedure shall apply to the Selectboard of the Town of Bethel, which is referred to below as "the body." These rules shall apply to all regular, special, and emergency meetings of the body.

C. ORGANIZATION.

1. The body shall annually elect a chair and a vice-chair. The chair of the body or, in the chair's absence, the vice-chair shall preside over all meetings. If both the chair and the vice-chair are absent, a member selected by the body shall act as chair for that meeting.
2. The chair shall preserve order in the meeting and shall regulate its proceedings by applying these rules and making determinations about all questions of order or procedure.
3. A majority of the members of the body shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum of the members of the body is not present at a meeting, no meeting shall take place.
4. No single member of the body shall have authority to represent or act on behalf of the body unless, by majority vote, the body has delegated such authority for a specific matter at a duly-noticed meeting and such delegation is recorded in the meeting minutes.
5. Motions made by members of the body do not require a second. The chair of the body may make motions and may vote on all questions before the body. A motion will only pass if it receives the votes of a majority of the total membership of the body.
6. There is no limit to the number of times a member of the body may speak to a question. A member may speak or make a motion without being recognized by the chair. Motions to close or limit debate will not be entertained.
7. Any member of the body may request a roll call vote. Pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 312(a)(2), when one or more members attend a meeting electronically, a roll call vote is required for votes that are not unanimous.
8. Meetings may be recessed to a time and place certain.
9. These rules may be amended by a majority vote of the body, and must be readopted annually.

D. AGENDAS.

1. Each regular and special meeting of the body shall have an agenda, with time allotted for each item of business to be considered by the body. Those who wish to be added to the meeting agenda shall contact the Town Manager to request inclusion on the agenda. The chair shall determine the final content of the agenda.
2. At least 48 hours prior to a regular meeting, and at least 24 hours prior to a special meeting, a meeting agenda shall be posted in or near the municipal office and at the designated public places in the municipality and on the Town's website. The agenda must also be made available to any person who requests such agenda prior to the meeting.
3. All business shall be conducted in the same order as it appears on the noticed agenda, except that any addition to or deletion from the noticed agenda must be made as the first act of business at the meeting. No additions to or deletions from the agenda shall be considered once the first act of business at the meeting has commenced. Any other adjustment to the noticed agenda, for example, changing the order of business, postponing or tabling actions, may be made by majority vote of the body.

E. MEETINGS.

1. Regular meetings shall take place on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 6 pm at the Bethel Town Hall.
2. Special meetings shall be publicly announced at least 24 hours in advance by giving notice to all members of the body unless previously waived and to any person who has requested notice of such meetings. In addition, notices shall be posted in the municipal clerk's office and at the designated places in the municipality, and the Town's website.
3. Emergency meetings may be held without public announcement, without posting of notices, and without 24-hour notice to members, provided some public notice thereof is given as soon as possible before any such meeting. Emergency meetings may be held only when necessary to respond to an unforeseen occurrence or condition requiring immediate attention by the public body.
4. A member of the body may attend a regular, special, or emergency meeting by electronic or other means without being physically present at a designated meeting location, so long as the member identifies him or herself when the meeting is convened, and is able to hear and be heard throughout the meeting. Whenever one or more members attend electronically, voting that is not unanimous must be done by roll call. If a quorum or more of the body attend a meeting (regular, special, or emergency) without being physically present at a designated meeting location, the agenda for the meeting shall designate at least one physical location where a member of the public can attend and participate in the meeting. At least one member of the body, or at least one staff or designee of the body, shall be physically present at each designated meeting location.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

1. All meetings of the body are meetings in the public, not of the public. Members of the public shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to express opinions about matters considered by the body, so long as order is maintained according to these rules.
2. At the beginning of each Selectboard meeting, there shall be 15 minutes afforded for open public comment. By majority vote, the Selectboard may increase the open public comment and may adjust the agenda items and times accordingly.
3. Comment by the public or members of the body must be addressed to the chair or to the body as a whole, and not to any individual member of the body or public.
4. Members of the public must be acknowledged by the chair before speaking.
5. If a member of the public has already spoken on a topic, he or she may not be recognized again until others have first been given the opportunity to comment.
6. Order and decorum shall be observed by all persons present at the meeting. Neither members of the body, nor the members of the public, shall delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the meeting or interrupt or disturb any member while speaking. Members of the body and members of the public are prohibited from making personal, impertinent, threatening, or profane remarks.
7. Members of the body and members of the public shall obey the orders of the chair or other presiding member. The chair should adhere to the following process to restore order and decorum of a meeting, but may bypass any or all steps when he or she determines in his or her sole discretion that deviation from the process is warranted:
 - a. Call the meeting to order and remind the members of the applicable rules of procedure.
 - b. Declare a recess or table the issue.
 - c. Adjourn the meeting until a time and date certain.
 - d. Order the constable to remove disorderly person(s) from the meeting.

ADOPTED:

Signatures

Date

Bethel Selectboard Rules of Procedure

2016-
2021
Version

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II. APPLICATION. This policy setting forth rules of procedure for Selectboard meetings shall apply to all regular, special, and emergency meetings of the Town of Bethel Selectboard.

III. PROCEDURES.

1. The chair of the Selectboard, or in the chair's absence, the vice-chair, shall chair all Selectboard meetings. If both the chair and the vice-chair are absent, a member selected by the board shall chair the meeting.
2. The chair shall rule on all questions of order or procedure and shall enforce these rules as required by 1 V.S.A. § 312(h).
3. A majority of the members of the Selectboard shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum of the members of the Selectboard is not present at a meeting, the only action that may be considered by the Selectboard is a motion to recess or adjourn the meeting.
4. At the beginning of each Selectboard meeting, there shall be 15 minutes afforded for open public comment. By majority vote, the Selectboard may increase the time for open public comment and may adjust the agenda items and times accordingly.
5. Public comment on issues discussed by the Selectboard, if not offered during the open public comment period, may be offered during the meeting with the permission of the chair. Such comment, if permitted, shall be limited to 2 minutes, unless by majority vote, the Selectboard sets a different time limit.
6. Each Selectboard meeting shall have an agenda, with time allotted for each item of business to be considered by the Selectboard. Those who wish to be added to the meeting agenda shall contact the town manager or Selectboard chair to request inclusion on the agenda. The Selectboard chair shall determine the final content of the agenda.
7. All business shall be conducted in the same order as it appears on the agenda, except that by majority vote of the Selectboard, the order of items to be considered and/or the time allotted may be modified.
8. Motions made by board members do not require a second. The Chair of the Selectboard may make motions and may vote on all questions before the board.
9. There is no limit to the number of times a Selectboard member can speak to a question. A member may speak or make a motion without being recognized by the chair. Motions to close or limit debate will not be entertained.

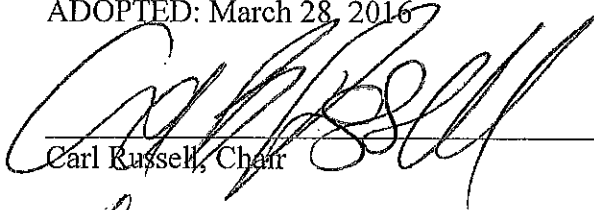
10. Any Selectboard member may request a roll call vote.

11. Meetings may be recessed to a time and place certain.


12. These rules shall be made available at all meetings, and procedures for public comment shall be reviewed at the beginning of all meetings.

13. These rules may be amended by [~~unanimous~~/~~two-thirds~~/majority] vote of the Selectboard, and must be readopted annually at the organizational meeting.

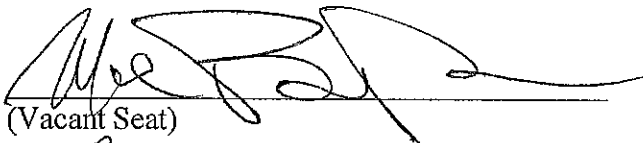
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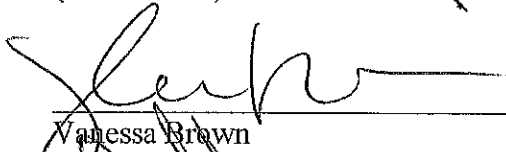
Carl Russell, Chair



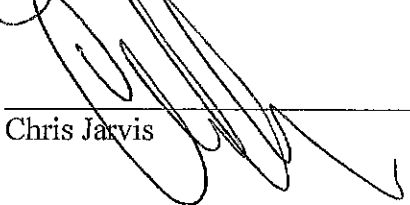
Lisa Hill



(Vacant Seat)



Vanessa Brown



Chris Jarvis

2022 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

SECOND CLASS LICENSE TO SELL MALT AND VINOUS BEVERAGES

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License Year Beginning May 1, 2022 ending April 30, 2023

Fee: \$140.00 of which
\$70.00 is paid to town/city
\$70.00 is paid to DLC
Town: 14020 - BETHEL

MISREPRESENTATION OF A MATERIAL FACT ON ANY LICENSE APPLICATION SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE, AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING

Applicant: Review all of the information presented on this form, indicating any changes in the spaces provided.

Applicant: Robertson, Ida J.
Doing Business As:

Licensee # 3865- 1

Locust Creek Store
Route 107
Bethel VT 05032
Telephone: (802) 234-5270

Mailing Address:
1796 River Street
Bethel VT 05032

PLEASE INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESS:

Description of Premises:

Grocery store located on Vt. Route 107, approximately 1/10 mile east of junction Vt. Routes 12 and 107 in the town of Bethel, Vermont.

Premises: XX Owned ___ Leased

Last Enforcement Seminar: 06/22/2020

ATTACH AN ADDITIONAL SHEET TO THIS APPLICATION NOTING ANY NECESSARY CORRECTIONS OR CHANGES AND UPDATES THAT HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Table with 5 columns: Individual, Name, Address, Town/City, State Zip Code. Row 1: 1. Robertson, Ida J., 8 Chase Road, Bethel, VT 05032

Has any person been convicted or pleaded guilty to any criminal or motor vehicle offense in any court of law (including traffic tickets by mail) during the last year? ___ Yes [X] No

If yes, please attach the following information: Individual's name, court/traffic bureau, offense and date

In the past year has any person held any elective or appointive state, county, city, village or town office in Vermont (See VSA, T.7, Ch.9, Sec. 223)? ___ Yes [X] No

If yes, please attach the following information: Individual's name, office and jurisdiction

Disclosure of Non-profit Organization?: ___ Yes [X] No

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN

The applicant understands and agrees that the Liquor and Lottery Control Board may obtain criminal history record information from State and Federal record repositories.

I/We hereby certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that I/We are in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan approved by the Commissioner of Taxes to pay any and all taxes due the State of Vermont as of the date of this application. (VSA, Title 32, Section 3113)

I/We hereby certify that I/We are not under an obligation to pay child support or that I/We are in good standing with respect to child support or are in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all child support payable under a support order. (VSA, Title 15, Section 795)

In accordance with 21 VSA, Section 1378(b), I/We certify, under pains and penalties of perjury, that I/We are in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all contributions or payments in lieu of contributions due to the Department of Employment and Training.

I/We have registered the trade name of these premises with the Secretary of State.

I/We hereby certify that the information in this application is true and complete.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2022

Signature of authorized agent of corporation, company, club or association

Signature of individual or partners

Handwritten signature of Ida J. Robertson

owner (Title)

Are you making this application for the benefit of any other party? ___ Yes [X] No

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2022 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
SECOND CLASS LICENSE TO SELL MALT AND VINOUS BEVERAGES

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----- LOCAL COMMISSIONER SECTION BELOW -----

Upon being satisfied that the conditions precedent to the granting of this license as provided in Title 7 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, as amended, have been fully met by the applicant, the _____ commissioners will endorse their recommendation on the back of the application and transmit it to the Liquor and Lottery Control Board for suitable action thereon, before any License may be granted. For the information of the Liquor and Lottery Control Board, applications shall carry the signature of each individual commissioner registering either approval or disapproval.

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Approved by Board of Control Commissioners of the City or Town of _____.

Total Membership _____, _____ members present

Attest, _____, Town Clerk

TOWN OR CITY CLERK SHALL MAIL APPROVED RENEWAL DIRECTLY TO:
DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL
13 GREEN MOUNTAIN DRIVE
MONTPELIER, VT 05602

If application is disapproved, local control commissioners shall notify the applicant by letter.

No formal action taken by any agency or authority of any town board of selectmen or city board of aldermen on a first or second class license application shall be considered binding except as taken or made at an open public meeting. VSA T-1, Sec.312

2022 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

9499-001-SECN-001

SECOND CLASS LICENSE TO SELL MALT AND VINCOUS BEVERAGES

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License Year Beginning May 1, 2022 ending April 30, 2023

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Applicant: Review all of the information presented on this form, indicating any changes in the spaces provided.

Applicant: Slow & Low Groceries, Inc.

Licensee # 9499- 1

Doing Business As:

Bethel Central Market
183 South Main Street
Bethel VT 05032

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 524
Bethel VT 05032

Telephone: (802) 234-9010

PLEASE INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESS: bethelcentralmarket@gmail.com

Description of Premises:

2nd class license on the southern end of a single story cement block building located on the west side of South Main Street, across from the intersection of Avon Drive, designated as 183 South Main Street in the Town of Bethel, Vermont.

Lessor:

River Road Properties, LLC
3753 River Road
Killington VT 05751

Last Enforcement Seminar: 11/08/2020

Fed. ID Number: 82-0338637 Incorporation Date: 01/12/2018 Valid Charter?: Yes State of Charter: Vermont

Majority of Directors are US Citizens: Yes

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Table with 5 columns: Corporation, Name, Address, Town/City, State Zip Code. Rows for Katherine Reed and Joshua Reed.

Has any director or stockholder been convicted or pleaded guilty to any criminal or motor vehicle offense in any court of law (including traffic tickets by mail) during the last year? Yes No

In the past year has any director or stockholder of the corporation held any elective or appointive state, county, city, village or town office in Vermont (See VSA, T.7, Ch.9, Sec. 223)? Yes No

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Dated this 1 day of MARCH, 2022

Signature of authorized agent of corporation, company, club or association
Katherine Reed
Owner
(Title)

Signature of individual or partners

Are you making this application for the benefit of any other party? Yes No

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STATE OF VERMONT - AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
License to Operate

FEE: \$260.00

I.D.# 9341
LICENSE TYPE: CATERER - COMMERCIAL
EFFECTIVE DATE: 02/13/2022

ESTABLISHMENT NAME & LOCATION:
BETHEL CENTRAL MARKET
183 S MAIN ST
BETHEL, VT 05032

LICENSEE NAME & ADDRESS:
SLOW & LOW GROCERIES, INC.
PO BOX 524
BETHEL, VT 05032

EXPIRATION DATE: 02/13/2023

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ABOVE ESTABLISHMENT IS LICENSED TO OPERATE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 4351-4451 VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED. THIS LICENSE IS VALID PENDING RATIFICATION BY THE VERMONT BOARD OF HEALTH.

THIS LICENSE IS NOT TRANSFERRABLE AND IS VALID ONLY FOR THE LICENSEE LISTED. THIS LICENSE SHALL BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED.

State of Vermont
Office of the Secretary
219 North Main Street, Suite 101
Barre, VT 05641
vtrans.vermont.gov

[phone] 802-476-2690
[fax] 802-479-2210
[ttd] 802-253-0191

Agency of Transportation

Rule 118-4

To Whom It May Concern,

In accordance with Title 19, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1109-1110, the Transportation Board has made and promulgated a rule to prevent the abuse of highways from November 15th to December 31st and January 1st to May 15th inclusive, in each year, or until adoption and announcement of any modification to the rule, two copies of which are enclosed herewith. In accordance with Section 12 of Act no. 246 of 1990, this rule is now administered by the Agency of Transportation.

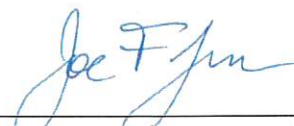
In reading over these Sections you will note:

- a) This rule does not become effective in a particular town until it has been filed with the Select board, and
- b) Posted by the Select board in two public places, such as bulletin board at the Town Hall, or the office of the Town Clerk or Town Treasurer. Posted on privately owned property does not, in most cases, meet the legal requirements. The attached rule is sent to you for this purpose, if you have occasion to use it.
- c) The road to be protected must also be posted at each end with suitable conspicuous notices.

	Town Highways (Classes 2, 3 and 4)
Two-axle trucks	15,000 lbs
Three-axle trucks	18,000 lbs
Tractor-trailer units	20,000 lbs

If there are any roads in your town on which it is advisable to limit the loads from November 15th to December 31st and January 1st to May 15th, it will be necessary for you to post these two notices as outlined above. The conspicuous notices for each end of the road affected may be procured from your District Transportation Administrator.

Vermont Agency of Transportation
Barre, VT

By 
Secretary of Transportation

Date 01/06/2022
Rule 118-4

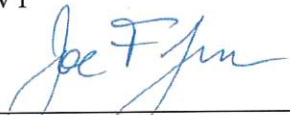
NOTICE

Pursuant to the Title 19, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1109-1110, the State Transportation Board has made and promulgated the following rule, now administered by the Agency of Transportation, in accordance with Section 12 of Act No. 246 of 1990.

In order to prevent the abuse of any highway, or portion thereof, posted under the provisions of these Sections from November 15th to December 31st and from January 1st to May 15th, inclusive, in each year, or until adoption and announcement of any modifications of said rules, no vehicle having a weight, including vehicle and load, in excess of the weights specified below, shall be operated on any part of the following classes of highways, which are posted under the provisions of these Sections:

	State Highways	Town Highways (Classes 2, 3, and 4)
Two-axle Trucks	20,000 lbs	15,000 lbs
Three-axle Trucks	30,000 lbs	18,000 lbs
Tractor Trailer Units	40,000 lbs	20,000 lbs

Vermont Agency of Transportation
Barre, VT

By 
Secretary of Transportation

Date 01/06/2022
Rule 118-4

POLICY REGARDING ROAD POSTINGS Bethel, Vermont

The Town of Bethel, in accordance with Rule 118-4 of the Vermont Transportation Board, limits the weight of vehicles traveling on "Posted Roads".

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All Town Roads are "Posted Roads".

Weight Limits for "Mud Season" (January 1st to May 15th)

	State Highways	Town Highways (classes 1, 2, 3, and 4)
Two-axle Trucks	20,000 lbs	15,000 lbs
Three-axle Trucks	30,000 lbs	18,000 lbs
Tractor Trailer Trucks	40,000 lbs	20,000 lbs

Excess Weight Permits DO NOT Supersede Posted Road Mud Season Weight Limits.

Call the Bethel Road Foreman for permission with overweight issues at 234-9440.

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This policy is adopted at a duly warned meeting on March 14, 2022, by the Bethel Selectboard.

2021 policy

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Three-axle Trucks	30,000 lbs	18,000 lbs
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This policy is adopted at a duly warned meeting on March 8, 2021, by the Bethel Selectboard.

Therese Kirby

From: Kimberly Gilbert <kgilbert@trorc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 1:45 PM
To: Therese Kirby
Subject: Smoke-free parks in town

Hi Therese,

The Mt. Ascutney Prevention Partnership and TRORC are offering assistance to towns who may wish to implement smoke-free recommendations in their town plans by creating/strengthening smoke-free ordinances in town. The Bethel Town Plan contains the following:

- Recommendation: "The Town should consider ordinances and other regulations prohibiting use and disposal of tobacco, tobacco substitutes, vaping products, and marijuana/cannabis on Town-owned or Town-leased property, or at outdoor events open to the public."

Do you know if this is something the Planning Commission or Recreation Committee members may be interested in working on, in the context of creating smoke-free parks and recreation areas in Bethel? I appreciate any thoughts you may have!

Thanks,
Kim

Kimberly Gilbert, AICP | Regional Planner



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Therese Kirby

From: U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders <Info_Sanders@sanders.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 7:24 PM
To: betheltownfinance@comcast.net
Subject: Together, we were able to secure over \$38 million for Vermont communities.

THE VERMONT BERNIE BUZZ

NEWS *from* SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS



Together, We're Funding Vermont Communities

Dear Fellow Vermonter,

Last year, I asked you to submit ideas and proposals to my office for projects that would improve our communities and address long-neglected needs of Vermonters. I have good news: thanks to those submissions, covering a wide range of issues, **we were able to secure over \$38 million in funding for Vermont communities.** This federal appropriations bill is expected to pass Congress and be signed into law by the end of the week.

From child care and sustainable energy, to health care, dental care, wastewater infrastructure, housing, education, and services for veterans' and military personnel, I believe these projects will be enormously helpful for our state. I would like to highlight just a few of them:

- a new child care center in Alburgh and additional slots throughout the state;
- increasing access to quality, affordable dental care, including new dental clinics in Vermont schools;
- enabling more Vermont small businesses to transition to employee ownership;
- sustainable energy projects for Vermont schools and public buildings;
- building new units and improving existing units of affordable housing for working Vermonters;
- funding for the Vermont National Guard to build a new, family center facility to serve Guard members, retirees, veterans and their families at Camp Johnson;
- establishing the first-of-its-kind program to provide a tuition-free community college education and career training at all six of Vermont's correctional facilities for both incarcerated individuals and correctional officers.

In order to see the full list of approved FY2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Requests, click [here](#).

Town of Bethel:

The Town of Bethel's plan to upgrade its drinking water infrastructure is on Vermont's Draft FY21 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP), and will replace a galvanized water line with a lead component. While undertaking this major infrastructure project, which will involve removing part of a road and repaving, the town will also improve stormwater problems by adding a new stormwater drain and eight new storm drain basins. Lastly, the town will improve fire suppression capabilities by installing two new fire hydrants. This project will ensure access to safe drinking water, improve water quality by reducing phosphorus via stormwater runoff, improve fire safety, and encourage economic development in the Town of Bethel. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help a small, rural town ensure its residents have safe drinking water, while simultaneously improving fire safety and hazardous drainage issues.

Amount Awarded: \$600,000

Town of Bethel Official Election Results – March 1, 2022 Annual Town Meeting Elections

March 1, 2022

Town of Bethel

OFFICIAL RESULTS

At the Annual Town Meeting, legally warned and holden in the Town of Bethel, Vermont on the first Tuesday of March 2022, various questions having been duly taken, sorted, counted and also tabulated, the following had the number of votes annexed to their names/items, respectively, for the several offices and items stated:

Article 1: To elect a town moderator for the term of one (1) year (vote for not more than one)

Eric Benson	171
Write-Ins	0
Undervotes	<u>1</u>
Total	172

Article 2: To elect a town clerk for the term of one (1) year (vote for not more than one)

Pamela Brown	171
Write-Ins	1
Undervotes	<u>0</u>
Total	172

Article 3: To elect a town treasurer for the term of one (1) year (vote for not more than one)

Pamela Brown	171
Write-Ins	0
Undervotes	<u>1</u>
Total	172

Article 4: To elect by ballot, a selectboard member for a term of three (3) years to succeed David Eddy, whose term expires (vote for not more than one)

David Eddy	149
Write-Ins	10
Undervotes	<u>13</u>
Total	172

Article 5: To elect by ballot, a selectboard member for a term of two (2) years to succeed Lindley Brainard, whose term expires (vote for not more than one)

Lindley Brainard	163
Write-Ins	1
Undervotes	<u>8</u>
Total	172

Article 6: To elect by ballot, a lister for a term of three (3) years to succeed Maurice Brigham, whose term expires (vote for not more than one)

Maurice Brigham	153
Write-Ins	2
Undervotes	<u>17</u>
Total	172

Article 7: To elect a Trustee of Public Funds under section 24 V.S.A. for a term of Three (3) years to succeed Eric Benson, whose term expires (vote for not more than one)

Eric Benson	170
Undervotes	<u>2</u>
Total	172

Article 8: Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$2,418,146 of which \$1,983,678 shall be raised by taxes and \$434,468 non-tax revenues?

Yes	148
No	23
Undervotes	<u>1</u>
Total	172

Article 9: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$26,220 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A § 2691? (See the Town Report for a detailed description of each agency)

Yes	152
No	14
Undervotes	<u>6</u>
Total	172

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters appropriate up to the sum of \$127,080 to the White River Valley Ambulance, Inc. for continued service to Bethel residents?

Yes	164
No	7
Undervotes	<u>1</u>
Total	172

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters authorize payment of the real and personal property taxes in four (4) equal installments, with the due dates being August 15, 2022, November 15, 2022, February 15, 2023 and May 15, 2023, by delivery to the town office postmarked on or before that date?

Yes	168
No	3
Undervotes	<u>1</u>
Total	172

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Brown
Town Clerk

Town of Bethel
Selectboard Meeting
& Public Informational Hearing
Via Zoom @ 6 pm
Monday, February 28, 2022

Zoom Link Meeting ID: 873 1778 1505 Passcode: 474468 Call in: 1-646-558-8656

Present: All via Zoom: Lindley Brainard, Dave Eddy, Chris Jarvis, Gene Kraus, Paul Vallee, Therese Kirby, Julie Kraus

Visitors: Christy Fry, Ele Griffin, Doug Marshall, and Lauren Masseria.

6:06 pm – Chris Jarvis called the meeting and public hearing to order.

6:20 pm - Motion made by Lindley, seconded by Dave, to approve the agenda as presented, so moved.

Public Comment

Acknowledgment of the passing of and contributions of Utility Director Tim Mills and Carroll Ketchum.

Review and discuss **Article I: To elect by ballot, a Town Moderator for the term of one year.** Public comment - No public comment.

Review and discuss **Article II: To elect by ballot, a Town Clerk for the term of one year.** Public comment - No public comment.

Review and discuss **Article III: To elect by ballot, a Town Treasurer for the term of one year.** Public comment - No public comment.

Review and discuss **Article IV: To elect by ballot, a Selectboard Member for a term of three years to succeed David Eddy, whose term expires.** Public comment - No public comment.

Review and discuss **Article V: To elect by ballot, a Selectboard Member for a term of two years to succeed Lindley Brainard, whose term expires.** Public comment - No public comment.

Review and discuss **Article VI: To elect by ballot, a Lister for a term of three years to succeed Maurice Brigham, whose term expires.** Public Comment - No public comment.

Review and discuss **Article VII: To elect a Trustee of Public Funds under section 24 V.S.A. for a term of three years to succeed Eric Benson, whose term expires.** Public comment - No public comment.

Opportunity for Lindley Brainard, Dave Eddy to comment on their candidacies.

Review and discuss **Article VIII: Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$2,418,146 of which \$1,983,678 shall be raised by taxes and \$434,468 non-tax revenues?** Public comment - No comments.

Chris reviewed the proposed FY 22/23 budget. Local revenue is down, largely due to increased tax, water and sewer collections. The Board has been decreasing annually, the amount budgeted for delinquent interest and penalty. The budget overall is about \$37,000 higher, due to various issues such as an increase in the annual ditching program, increase in the retirement contributions, addition of two portable speed signs, so all four entries into town are covered, plus a portable speed cart, a part-time person in the office to assist with grant writing, and the continued budgeting of the Town's share of the April 2019 flood damages (ERAF). More details are on Page 41 of Town Report.

We are anticipating a net property tax increase of 2.1 cents, assuming the Grand List remains the same. Last year the 2% increase to the tax rate was offset by the increase in the Grand List, however we don't expect that this year.

Ele Griffin had questions regarding the Recreation Facility Improvement Fund in the Town Report on Page 52. There is \$3,000 listed under FY 2020-2021 and asked if the column labeled donations/fundraising may include the recent grant monies received. Therese said yes and will make adjustments under FY 2021-22. Ele also asked what the \$15,000 is for in FY 21/22, and Therese said she thought that was the amount of the other grant the Rec. Committee was expecting. Ele said they are expecting \$25,000 from the water conservation grant, but they need to raise a match in order to get that grant. Therese will correct this entry.

Therese explained the current town budgets started at a deficit of approximately \$30,00 across all departments because of the unbudgeted state increase in the Town's contribution to retirement.

Review and discuss **Article IX: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$26,200 to social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691? (See the Town Report for a detailed description of each agency.)** Public comment - No comments

Referring to Pages 70-75 of the Town Report, Paul explained how the social appropriation committee works to review the requests and financials, discuss each request and determine the appropriateness before sending their list to the Selectboard for approval. There is good information of how this money is spent. Anyone wanting to join the committee can get in touch with the Town Office.

Review and discuss **Article X: Shall the voters appropriate up to the sum of \$127,080 to the White River Valley Ambulance, Inc., for continued service to Bethel residents?** Chris explained this budget divided amongst all communities using this service, of which Bethel is the largest after Randolph. Page 69 of Town Report shows the breakdown of cost among the covered towns.

Review and discuss **Article XI: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in four (4) equal installments, with the due dates being August 15, 2022, November 15, 2022, February 15, 2023, and May 15, 2023, by delivery to the town office postmarked on or before that date?**

Explanation of the year 3-day grace period approved last year and Town will continue that policy.

Therese reminded all about the survey on the last page of the Town Report which should be returned by April 1. The responses to this survey will help set goals for next year. The survey has been posted on all social media sites and will be available at voting at the school.

At 7:01 pm a motion was made by Gene Kraus, seconded by Lindley Brainard, to adjourn the Public Informational Hearing. Motion passed.

→ **Reappraisal Agreement changes**

Motion made by Lindley Brainard, seconded by Paul Vallee, to sign revised Reappraisal Agreement and to award a contract to NEMRC for \$121,080. Motion passed.

→ **Champlain Farms 2nd Class Liquor License**

Motion made by Lindley Brainard, seconded by Gene Kraus, to approve the request of Champlain Farms 2nd Class Liquor License.

→ **Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Certificate of Project Completion**

Motion made by Lindley, seconded by Paul, to approve the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Certificate of Completion. Motion passed. Brief discussion of variable rate loans and \$2.8 million bond final numbers.

Minutes and Communications

1. Town Manager's Report: At 2/15 Tax Sale - Sold 3 of the 5 properties. Will continue working with remaining 2 properties, working on structures grant to replace bridge on Peavine with box culvert, also working on paving grant for Christian Hill, brief discussion on American Rescue Plan money, cemetery mowing bid is out, transmission replacement for John Deere backhoe for \$14,000 – money will need to come from capital equipment fund. With passing of Tim Mills, Richard Manning is taking over operations of the water and sewer systems. He currently has his grade 2 water license and grade 1 wastewater license. He is studying to acquire his grade 2 wastewater license. We have been receiving support from Vermont Rural Water.
2. Motion made by Dave Eddy, seconded by Paul Vallee, to approve the minutes of the 2/14/2022 Selectboard meeting. Motion passed.
3. Other business: Dave Eddy updated the Selectboard on the status of the Transfer Station after a mandatory site visit for the RFP on February 17. The upper dumping building is unsound and the Transfer Station was closed.

He explained the four options possible:

1. Repair damaged columns costing roughly \$100,000 due to rough treatment in the past. Best guess is this could be completed by the end of summer.
- 2 Tear the building down and build a new building with an estimated cost of \$275-350,000.
3. Casella could build a building but we with would have to sign a contract of 25 years with minimal increases.
4. Take the building down and use uncovered but State said no. The Board will meet tomorrow to discuss options and approve repair drawings.

This will be the last Zoom meeting and the Board will be returning next month (3-14-22) to in-person with hybrid option still available. Chris noted the state guidelines for in-person meetings. The Selectboard will hold their organizational meeting on March 14, 2022. The Board will have an executive session at their next meeting to review Therese Kirby's evaluation.

8:00 pm motion was made by Lindley Brainard, seconded by Gene Kraus, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Submitted by,
Julie Kraus

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Carroll Ketchum

Bethel—Carroll F. Ketchum, 84, died unexpectedly, Saturday morning, February 26, 2022 at his home.

He was born October 4, 1937 in Randolph, the son of Francis W. and Mildred (Durocher) Ketchum. He attended a one-room school on Stockbridge Common for six years, then graduated from Whitcomb High School in Bethel in 1956.

After graduation, he was employed at the National White River Bank in Bethel, where he started as a bookkeeper and progressed to teller, assistant cashier, cashier, and finally director of the bank. The bank changed to Proctor Trust Company, then Proctor Bank, then Green Mountain Bank and finally to Mascorna Savings Bank. Mr. Ketchum retired in April 2000, after working in the same building for 45 years.

Carroll lived on the family farm in Stockbridge until 1968, when he married Marguerite E. Merrill in Hookset, N.H.

During his lifetime, he was very active in community affairs. He was a member of White River Masonic Lodge #90 A.F. & A.M. since 1964, and served as Lodge Master in 1971, 1972, 1975, and 1976. He was a member of Bethel Area Rotary Club for 42 years, where he served as president, managed the club's scholarships, and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a member of the United Church of Bethel

since 1968. Carroll handled many scholarships for Whitcomb High School.

He served as trustee of public funds for Stockbridge and Bethel since 1973. He also served as Bethel town moderator for 25 years. He was a charter member of the Bethel Business Association, where he served in all capacities. He was a member of the Bethel Library Association, where he served as president for 10 years and was a board member for the Vermont Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Carroll was recognized as the Community Banker of the Year by the Vermont Bankers Association. He served as a State Representative in Montpelier 2001-2004.

Carroll's hobbies included traveling, gardening, and wood working. One of the highlights of his life was working in Yellowstone National Park during his first year of retirement, and spending time with his granddaughter.

Survivors include his wife, Marguerite Ketchum; daughter, Holly; and her wife Isabelle Montgomery; son, Jay; and wife Mandy Ketchum; brother, Robert Ketchum; sister, Janice Ketchum; Marcotte; and granddaughter, Jorgia Jean Ketchum.

He was predeceased by his parents, and brother, Donald "Pudge" Ketchum.

Memorial services and Masonic Ritual will be held Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m. at the United Church of Bethel, with Pastor Thomas Harty officiating. There are no calling hours. Private burial will be in the Spring at Fairview Cemetery in Bethel.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the United Church of Bethel or Bethel Food Shelf, PO Box 211, Bethel, VT 05602. Online condolences may be left at www.dayfunerals.com.

Arrangements are by the Day Funeral Home in Randolph.



Timothy Mills

Bethel—Timothy Paul Mills Jr., 58, passed away Monday evening, February 21, 2022, at UVM Medical Center in Burlington, Vt., with his family by his side.

Tim was born August 17, 1963 to Timothy P. Mills Sr. and Anna Leclerc in Lancaster, N.H. Tim was raised in Groveton, N.H., then later moved to Monroe, N.H. Tim attended the Saint Johnsbury Academy before starting his working career. Tim began his career in wastewater in Plainfield, Vt. He worked at the treatment plant and drove a school bus part-time.

Tim eventually moved to Barre, Vt. This is where Tim met his life-long partner, Angel Emmons. Tim and Angel worked together at the Tower Restaurant in Barre.

Tim started work at the Town of Randolph at the wastewater treatment plant, where he worked for a short time. In 1987, Tim started work for the Town of Bethel at the wastewater treatment plant. From 1992 to 2002, Tim also worked for Vermont Castings.

Tim worked for the Town of Bethel for 36 years. Tim started for the town while the wastewater treatment plant was being built. Tim was the Chief Wastewater Operator and eventually promoted to Utility Director. Tim received many awards and recognition for his work and dedication. In 2011, he was awarded the Green Mountain Environmental Excellence award.

In 2016, Tim was also awarded Wastewater Operator of the year. This is a very unique award in that Tim was nominated by someone from the State of Vermont. This is very rare and shows just how deserving Tim was of this award. In 2020, Tim received the GMWEA's Michael J. Garofano Water Operator of the year award. Yet

another prestigious award for his hard work.

Tim also volunteered for several Town Committees including the Class 4 Road Committee, the Safety Committee, and the Emergency Planning Committee.

Tim was an avid member of the Vermont Association of Snowmobile Travelers (VAST). From the mid-1990s until 2018, Tim was the Trailmaster, where he eventually became Vice President of The White River Valley Ramblers. During this time, he was also the Trailmaster for Orange County. From 2007-2009, Tim was the Vice Chair of the Trails Committee with Doug Wilson.

Tim became the VAST Vice President in 2016. Tim then became the VAST President in 2016, where he continued to hold that position. Tim was awarded multiple awards for his hard work and dedication to VAST. He received 2007 Trails Coordinator of the Year, 2012 Executive Director's Award of Excellency, 2014 Trail Administrator Award, 2016 Award of Excellence, and 2019 Officer of the year.

Tim loved bringing his family to deer camp and spending time with his grandchildren. Tim and Angel would put on huge feasts for family and friends. Tim's family meant everything to him.

He is survived by his life-long partner, Angel Emmons of Bethel, two sons, Austin Mills and wife Katie Mills of Marshfield, Vt., and Hunter Mills of Newport, R.I., and daughter, Silver Linn and son-in-law, Kyle Linn of St. Johnsbury. Tim's pride and joy were his grandchildren, two grandsons, Parker Mills and Asher Linn, and two granddaughters, Adeline Linn and Emery Linn.

Tim is also survived by his father, Timothy Mills Sr. and stepmother, Claudett Mills of Daytona, Fla.; his mother, Anna Leclerc of Clayton, Ga.; sister, Tera Mills of Clayton, Ga.; brothers, Toby Mills of Barre, Vt., and Troy Mills and his wife Billy of Rutland, Vt.

There will be no services at this time. There will be a Celebration of Life later. Online condolences may be made at www.dayfunerals.com.

The Day Funeral Home in Randolph is assisting the family with arrangements.

Bethel Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 22, 2022

Committee Members Present: David Phair (he/him), Owen DMC (he/him), Jesse Plotsky (he/him), Rita Champion (she/her), Christy Fry (she/her), Laura Perez (she/her)

Community Members Present: (he/him) Thomas Meek, (he/him) Leonard Meek, (he/him) Al Wakefield, (he/him) Gene Kraus,

Introductions were made, name, pronouns and what brought us to being at this meeting and part of the EIC.

Public Comment:

David Phair would like to donate a pig to the Juneteenth event and has requested assistance/contacts for helping in the preparations and cooking. Looking for people with butchery skills and roasting apparatus.

Updates:

Al Wakefield talked to the committee about the Declaration of Inclusion movement he has spearheaded in the state of Vermont. Vt.declarationofinclusion.org Working to have every town in Vermont adopt this declaration of inclusion as a way of towns committing to anti racist and equitable inclusion for citizens as well as those who would be interested in moving here. People want to know they are welcome and safe. A number of cities around the state have already adopted this declaration and the EIC is considering it for the town of Bethel.

Selectboard meetings are back to starting at 6pm.

Town meeting day is Tuesday and voting will happen again this year by Australian Ballot but unlike last year, ballots are not going to be sent to every household this year. Australian ballot is a private anonymous voting system that allows you the opportunity to share your voice in town decision making but only takes a few minutes of time. You can vote in person, Tuesday March 1st at the Middle School gym between 8am and pm or via early/absentee ballot. You can request your absentee ballot be mailed to you or register to vote mvp.vermont.gov or contact the Bethel Town Clerks office by phone (802)234-9722 or you can email betheltownclerk@comcast.net . If you have disability or would like assistance in voting you can contact the EIC via website email and watch this informative video online about your voting rights. <https://youtu.be/jqD8XvTMpxY>

Correction -
Ballots for
Town Mtg
were requested
not mailed -
they are
confused
with the
state
election.

There is also a town survey to fill out, a paper version came with your town report you can also access it online by going to <https://townofbethelvt.com/> and clicking on Town of Bethel Survey link.

Condolences were made for the passing of Tim Mills, director of water and sewer for the Town of Bethel.

There is a reassessment project coming up. Every property in Bethel will be reassessed as its tax burden on the town. Tax assessment will be redistributed more equitably. This will be onsite interior and exterior and is estimated to take 2 years to complete.

Laura updated the committee on her talk and meetings with Tabitha Moore, the first president of the first chapter of Vermont's NAACP about the constable reports available for the town of Bethel. The reports were lacking transparency and it was confirmed that the Bethel Constable reporting was not in line with state police reporting requirements and that Bethel was one of two towns in the state whose reporting was not in compliance.

<https://vcjc.vermont.gov/content/traffic-stops-race-data> This information will be brought to the selectboard for review and an ask for more comprehensive data collection by the town constable will be made by using the form to collect data that the state is asking for.

A proposed inviting Kira to a future EIC meeting to talk about what a training on how to be a better advocate looks like. Possible training for any community members who are interested in coming to meetings and being an advocate for equity and Inclusion without needing to be an EIC committee member.

EIC will be hosting a Bethel University course. On Zoom, March 22 6:30pm. A meet and greet and invitation for anyone to come and learn about what we are doing as well as let us know what equity or inclusion looks like or where it is lacking for them in the town of Bethel. It will be a discussion format. It will be a place to learn how we are contributing to the good of the community through ongoing collaboration with the Selectboard, Bethel residents, and other Vermont resources. The EIC also wants to hear from you: what do you believe needs to be addressed to grow a more equitable and inclusive Bethel? We hope participants will gain a better understanding of the role the EIC plays in the community; learn how to participate in their monthly, open public meetings and access/share their resources; and learn something from other community members in the open discussion period. If you are curious about equity and inclusion from a personal, town, or national perspective and you wish to share your thoughts in an open and welcoming space, then the EIC discussion could be just the place for you and you can sign up through the Bethel U eventbrite.

Juneteenth party will be June 19th and the weekend of June 25th/26th will be the Bethel Pride event. Party planning has begun.

Discussion:

How the EIC can be more involved with Bethel for All.

Bethe/Royalton Transfer Station Board
Special Meeting
March 1, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
Royalton Town Office

Members Present: Tim Murphy, Dave Eddy, Penny Griffin, Lindley Brainard, Jerry Barcelow
Staff Present : Jenn Bartleman – Outgoing Manager, John Leighton – Incoming Manager

The meeting was called to order at 5:35.

The agenda was approved as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Eddy brought us up to date on the developments of the Transfer Station buildings.

First, he reported that the engineer, Carl Childs, felt the lower building, the “Recycling Building”, is fine. A written report is to be coming stating this.

On Friday, Feb 25th Eddy, Murphy, Carl Childs, and Mark Green (a welder from DMS Company) looked at the Tipping Building. As has been noted there are bent, rusted, and twisted I beam columns. Two have completely rusted off and are floating. At their bottoms you can see daylight across the entire width of them. Additionally, some of the overhead rafters have been dented.

At our last meeting we voted to spend up to \$3,000 for structural evaluations. At this point the engineer has about \$1,800 into this work. If we are going to try to repair the building we will need more specific plans that can be bid on. This is projected to be about an additional \$15,000. (This information is also available in a letter from Childs dated Feb 24, 2022.)

Eddy summarized the options as he knows them to be:

- 1) Repair the building. This will get the Transfer Station back to full working order the soonest. Best case scenario would still be late summer. Rough estimated cost \$120,000 (beyond the above mentioned \$15,000.) This should be good for another 10+ years.
- 2) A new Building. A very rough estimate would be \$300,000 to \$400,000. We have no idea of the time frame, but it would be expected to take much longer to complete. If we think we want to go in this direction, we will ask the engineer to stop his work on how to repair.
- 3) Casella could put the building up for us. We would need to enter into a 25 year contract with them.

Further considerations:

- Until we can get back to full service; our best projection is that we are going to lose about \$10,00 a month, maybe more, of profit.
- The State will allow us to process trash without the building.
- There was discussion about getting another engineer's evaluation of the building. Eddy and Murphy both feel that Carl Childs is the best engineer for the project. He is pragmatic and down to earth. He and Mark Green agree regarding the scope and process. There was also discussion that Mark Green from DMS, if available, would be an excellent choice for the repairs.
- There was not much interest in entering a 25 year contract with Casella. We would just be tied down too far into the future.

The consensus of the group seemed to be to do the repairs and get back in service as soon as possible. ***A motion was made and seconded; To authorize Eddy and Murphy to approve up to another \$15,000 for Childs Engineering LLC to continue the engineering studies and to draft plans that can be used for bidding.*** The motion was put to vote and carried unanimously.

Our next regularity schedule meeting is for Wednesday, March 9. There are some conflicting schedules. ***It was decided to move the meeting to Monday, March 7 at 5:30 PM.***

As this is Jenn's last week she was thanked for her service and a small gift was presented to her. We wish her well.

The meeting was called to adjournment at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Barcelow - Chair

BETHEL RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.
- B. In attendance were: Paul Boynton, Melissa and Caleb Harwood, Lindsey Schell, Shane Kinsley, and Ele Griffin. Everyone enjoyed hearing about Caleb and Melissa's vacation in Costa Rico.
- C. Ice Skating Rink: March is here and a new shoveling schedule is needed. Lindsey will put it out so people can sign-up. The sign-up schedule has worked out nicely. In addition, others in town have been helping to shovel when needed. The warm weather, then cold weather, then warm weather has play havoc to the use of the rink. However, the rink is getting a lot of good use and people are adjusting depending on the weather. The committee that March may be a tricky time with fickle weather. The committee will just go with the flow.
- D. February's Valentine Event: It was a success. Committee members expressed the fun they had at the event. Ele shared that the Valley News did a wonderful article on the event. She has a copy and will bring to our next in person meeting.
- E. Committee Activities for 2022: Ele reported that it was the Forward Festival Committee that held the Bingo game at the White Church in the past.. Ele also told the committee that the contact person is Ellen Noble to see about using the Bingo materials. Melissa will give Melissa contact information. Caleb suggested at we do a trial run of playing Bingo with the committee. The bottle drive is still going on. Lindsey put a notice on Front Porch Forum. The committee wants to do a Coin Drop this summer. Ele will go to a Select board meeting this Spring and ask for the first Saturday in August. Lindsey reported on how to fundraise with IOBY. One has to have an event. Lindsey is working with Therese, Pam Brown, and Kelly Hill to see about us setting this up at an event. The committee also wants to do a 5Krun. It was felt that a good time to do that would be at Forward Festival. The committee will work on further planning. Another idea is hosting a music concert. Ele will look into the possibility of doing a music event.
- F. Other Business: Cleb asked about the BMX bike. It is still in Ele's basement. Shane will get together with Ele soon to get pictures of the bike to put online to possible buyers. The committee expressed disappointment that the wrong draft about the Recreation Center was printed in the Town Report. The committee acknowledged that the Town Report is such a big project. Dietre Feeney and Kelly Hill were both out sick. Thus the article that Dietre and the committee agreed on did not get put in the Town Report. Here's to next year!!

- G. Past Minutes: Committee members have not read the February minutes. We will save them unto April's meeting.
- H. Next meeting: Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6th.

Minutes submitted respectfully,
Ele Griffin

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SECOND WIND **JUNE 29**

*All Shows
Start at
7pm!*

JULY 6 GRAYSON TY

THE FLAMES **JULY 13**

JULY 20 **THE PARTY CRASHERS**

SCOTT FORREST **JULY 27**

AUGUST 3 **JOHN LACKARD BLUES BAND**

COLD CHOCOLATE **AUGUST 10**

AUGUST 17 **LAZY BIRD**

FULL HOUSE **AUGUST 24**

AUGUST 31 **THE GULLY BOYS**

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