

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
SELECTBOARD MEETING
Monday, December 5th, 2022
6:30 P.M.

Please see note below for access

I. Call to Order: 6:30 P.M.

II. Regular Business.

1. Agenda additions, removals, or adjustments per 1 V.S.A. § 312 (d) (3) (A).
2. Public forum. (5 +/- min.)
3. Dubois & King Wastewater & Water Feasibility Study 90% Report presentation/discussion (45 +/- min.)
4. Friends of Virginia Farley Riverside Park update & proposed MOU (10 +/- min)
5. ARPA Funding discussion (15 +/- min)
6. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Consider Approving the Minutes of 11/28/22
 - b. Bills Payable and Treasurer's Warrants
 - c. Authorize match for Preservation Trust of Vermont Historic General Wait House building assessment
7. Selectboard roundtable. (10 +/- min.)
8. Town Administrator's updates. (5 +/- min.)
9. Executive Session – Pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a) (2) [Real Estate] and 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a) (3) [Personnel]
 - a. Consider appoint of Treasurer/Grant Administrator

III. Other Business.

1. Correspondence/reports received.

IV. Adjourn.

***PLEASE NOTE: Public access will be via Zoom. To watch and participate, please use the following link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82056117089>

Meeting ID: 820 5611 7089

By phone: 1 (929) 205-6099

Anyone wishing to speak can do so during the designated times, as indicated by the chair.

Questions and comments can be sent to townadmin@gmavt.net during the meeting.

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Note from Liza Walker:

The Vermont Land Trust is honored to be in partnership with the Town of Waitsfield for the creation of the Virginia Farley Riverside Park. This initiative is an important extension of VLT and the Town's joint effort in 2003 to secure the 6.9 acre "Tardy parcel" for Town ownership and ensure its perpetual protection. VLT's role in this new effort has been to receive charitable donations to support the Virginia Farley Riverside Park initiative. This initiative will celebrate Virginia's conservation legacy and further the conservation purposes expressed in the Grant of Conservation Covenants, which the Town granted to VLT to "ensure its continued use primarily as open lands for agriculture, ecological riparian protection and enhancement, scenic protection and low impact public recreational use."

In keeping with VLT's requirements as a qualified, non-profit organization, VLT must ensure that donations received by the organization are used for their intended charitable purposes. Therefore, VLT proposes to transfer these funds to the Town of Waitsfield, subject to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), in which the Town agrees to account for and expend these funds for the Park initiative, as outlined in the agreement.

This agreement reflects VLT's practice with many other municipalities with which it has engaged in community fundraising for conservation projects, including a MOU executed between the Town and VLT in 2018 for the Scrag Mountain Town Forest. In that circumstance, funds raised by VLT in support of the Town's acquisition and conservation of land for the Town Forest were transferred to the Town, to provide for future management and stewardship of the conserved property.

Upon execution of the Vermont Land Trust-Town of Waitsfield MOU for the Virginia Farley Riverside Park-Tardy Parcel, VLT will work with the Town to complete a one-time transfer of funds to support the Town's investment in this important public land.

