



**Town of Berlin
Municipal Office Building
108 Shed Road**

Berlin, VT. 05602

**Special Board Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2016**

5:30 PM-Budget Work Session

APPROVED MINUTES

Selectboard Members: Ture Nelson, Chair; Jeremy Hansen, Vice Chair; Roberta Haskin, Secretary; Brad Towne and Pete Kelley.

Selectboard Member Towne absent.

Present: Dana Hadley, Town Administrator, William Moore, Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Ture Nelson

Additions or changes to the Agenda

No changes

Public Comments

No Public Comments

Approval of Town Meeting Warning

The Board reviewed changes that were made to the warning since the draft was sent out in the packet. Selectboard Member Nelson asked about Article 31 –Local Option Tax. He would like that article to be voted by Australian ballot. All the Board members agreed that they would like to see it on the Australian ballot in order to allow as many voters to vote on the issue. They would like to have as many voters as possible weight in on the question. The Board reviewed Town Reports to find when the Australian ballot was adopted by the Town. There is a question as to whether the article for local option tax can be voted by Australian ballot. The Board will meet on Wednesday to allow time for further research.

Selectboard Report

The Board reviewed the Selectboard Report. They made a few changes and corrections to the report.

Motion: Hansen/Kelley to adopt the Selectboard Report with noted corrections.

Vote in the affirmative

Town Report Dedication

It was suggested that the report be dedicated to Tom Willard.

Motion: Hansen/Kelley to dedicate the Town Report to Tom Willard.

Vote in the affirmative.

Executive Session

Motion: Hansen/Kelley to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(3)

Vote in the affirmative

The Board exited Executive Session and reconvened in Public Session

Motion: Hansen/Kelley to hire Charles Pages of Williamstown, Vt. as a temporary employee without set hours to work only as needed on an “on-call” basis at the rate of \$20 per hour.

Vote in the affirmative

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

For the Select Board:

Dana I. Hadley, Town Administrator