Town of Berlin
Municipal Office Building
108 Shed Road

Special Selectboard Meeting
Held Jointly with Berlin School Board
AT Berlin Elementary School
372 Paine Turnpike North
Berlin, Vermont 05602

Wednesday May 8, 2019

Approved Minutes

7:00 PM

Selectboard Members Present
Brad Towne, Selectboard Chair
Jeremy Hansen, Selectboard Vice Chair
Florence Smith, Selectboard Member
Justin Lawrence, Selectboard Member
Dana Hadley, Town Administrator

School Board Members Present
Vera Frazier, School Board Chair
Nicole Ferrier, School Board Member
Julie O’Keefe, School Board Member
William Kimball, Superintendent

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Selectboard Member Capron absent

Call Meeting to Order

Joint Meeting called to order by Selectboard Chair Towne and School Board Chair Frazier.

This Meeting followed the School Board Agenda

Fire Department Lease

There was extended conversation in regard to the leased land to the Fire Department. There was discussion of whether that land could be transferred to the town or if the lease could be extended. The current lease runs until 2039. John Staab, president of the Fire Department arrived and brought a copy of the lease for all to review.

Berlin Elementary School Deed

The 1966 deed to the school district was provided to all. There is not a stipulation in the deed as to what happens should the property cease to be used for school purposes.
The Unified Articles of Agreement was distributed. This agreement that is not yet ratified, it outlines the town of Berlin would have the right of first refusal in the event the property ceases to be used for school purposes.

Future Agenda Items

Discussion continued as to next steps required and what the School Board would support.

The Berlin Selectboard made the following motion:

Motion: Hansen/Smith to encourage and support the school Board to follow through with granting easements such as was done in Calais to allow Town access to the school building as an emergency shelter, town meetings, elections and recreation fields.

Motion Passed.

The School Board entered into Executive session.

The Selectboard adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

For the Select Board:

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Dana Hadley