**BOARD OF SELECTMEN - SPECIAL MEETING**

**Castleton Public Safety Building**

**Community Room**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022**

Meeting Recording:

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**Those in Attendance Included:** Joseph Mark, Mary Lee Harris, James Leamy, Richard Combs, Robert Gibbs, Janet Morey, Dwayne Gibbs, Richard Grabowski, Mike Jones

**Others Present Included**: Mary Droege, Martha Clifford, Allison Harvey, Mary McIntyre

**Via Zoom:** Pat & Jeff Schrader, Keith Whitcomb

J. Leamy called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by J. Leamy.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ML Harris made a motion to approve the agenda. J. Mark seconded**. R. Combs asked that the Executive Session be moved to just after the approval of minutes on the agenda and added that they would not adjourn the meeting until the meeting has been opened back up to the public for comments. **All were in favor. Motion carried 8-0.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**J. Mark made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2022 as presented. R. Gibbs seconded.**

Page 1 – end of the third line of the paragraph in the middle of the page, *They feel they* should be replaced with *The Ad Hoc Committee*. Same paragraph, next line, *the voted* should be changed to *they voted.* **All voted in favor. Motion carried 8-0.**

**R. Combs made a motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2022 as presented. J. Morey seconded.**

Page 1 – in the motion after the Exit Executive Session motion, *$650,000* should be changed to *$660,000.* **All voted in favor. J. Mark abstained. Motion carried 7-0.**

**6:06 PM – ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**R. Combs made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of real estate to include the board members of the Town of Castleton and the Town of Hubbardton Selectboards and Castleton Town Manager Michael Jones. ML Harris seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 8-0.**

**7:01 PM – EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**R. Combs made a motion to exit Executive Session. D. Gibbs seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 8-0.**

**J. Mark made a motion for the Town of Castleton Selectboard only that an agenda item be placed on the next Castleton Selectboard meeting’s agenda to consider buying the Town of Hubbardton out of their 11% share for $49,500 in the Castleton Village School building and property with the caveat that the amount be adjusted slightly to reflect the Town of Hubbardton’s share of the costs in the expenditures already made on the building since 7/1/22 and that motion be effective immediately pending any other procedures that the Hubbardton Selectboard deemed necessary. R. Combs seconded. All of the Town of Castleton board members only voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.**

**CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

J. Mark stated the combined boards should consider a motion to reject the offer before them. **R. Combs made a motion to direct the Town Manager of the Town of Castleton to decline the offer of Tearsa Brannock. J. Mark seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 8-0.**

M. Droege asked for an update on any other offers to purchase the CVS property. It was stated there are none.

M. McIntyre asked when this would be addressed, J. Mark stated they will have an item on the warned Selectboard meeting of November 14 to address and vote whether then buyout will be approved.

M. Droege asked if another offer is presented, how the general public will be made aware. J. Leamy stated the board will be as open and transparent as possible. R. Combs stated the one offer received was dated October 10, it was never made confidential, nor should it be and nor will any others as far as he is concerned. This is the first meeting they have had since it was received, so can’t be in the minutes. M. Clifford asked if there was one received if it would be reflected as an agenda item for discussion. J. Mark stated he felt they should confer with an attorney as to how much of an offer is considered public and can be made available prior to a decision being made by the board as to accepting or declining an offer.

**7:13 PM Adjourn**

**J. Morey made a motion to adjourn. R. Gibbs seconded the motion. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted

Allison Harvey, Recording Secretary