

**Town of Fletcher – Select Board
Fletcher Town Clerk’s Office
Monday, March 2, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

Present

Members: Jon Bondy (Chair), Rich Bidwell, Matt Gillilan, Christine E. Nilsen, Jesse Wiens

Guests: Dave Clark, Rachael Scarpa (Secretary), Karrie Sweet (Town Clerk), Aimee Tinker (Assistant Town Clerk)

1) Call to Order

- a. Jon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2) Board Business:

- a. Health: The Select Board spoke with Dave Clark about any precautions the state provided that the town should take regarding the Coronavirus. The Select Board asked Dave to email any information that should be distributed to the town, so the Select Board can communicate it to the town.
- b. Solid Waste: Dave Clark gave the Select Board a heads-up that there will be a process change for tire disposal/collection on Greenup Day.
- c. Select Board signed a letter with a list of Town Meeting Day asks for Barry Doolan, Town Meeting moderator.
- d. Select Board discussed the compensation for Select Board Chair; compensation should be \$600.00 plus \$1,000.00. Also discussed continuing to budget for the full Select Board’s salaries, even if the current member volunteers their time.
- e. Broadband: Jesse discussed a broadband update with the Select Board. Mansfield Community Fiber (MCF) agreed, in writing, that they will commit to \$30,000.00 per mile for a broadband build out. MCF asked the Select Board to provide road mileage to MCF. The Select Board discussed comparing the costs of MCF and Consolidated Communications broadband build outs. Jesse discussed the loan option from VEDA (Vermont Economic Development Agency) and Northern Borders Grant. Jesse explained that other surrounding towns are looking into Broadband and the Northern Borders Grant. The Select Board discussed the process for warning and holding an informational meeting for the town to discuss broadband options.
- f. Town Meeting: Select Board reviewed Town Meeting slides and discussed presentations.

3) Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Select Board Meeting: March 16, 2020 at 7pm

Jon Bondy, Chair

Christine E. Nilsen

Rich Bidwell

Jesse Wiens

Matt Gillilan