

**Brandon Select Board Hearing**  
**August 22, 2022**

**NOTE: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent board meeting.**

**Board Members In Attendance:** Seth Hopkins, Brian Coolidge, Tim Guiles, Tracy Wyman

**Others in Attendance:** Dave Atherton, Mat Clouser, Steffanie Bourque, Bernie Carr, Ralph Ethier, Jim Emerson, Bill Moore, Cecil Reniche-Smith, Jeff Haylon, Jack Schneider, Molly Kennedy

**Other In Attendance Via Zoom:** Isaac Wagner, Erica Politano, Marielle Blais, Neil Silins, Patricia Welch

**Hearing Notice:** The Town of Brandon is/are considering making application to the State of Vermont for a VCDP Accessibility Modification Grant 2022 under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held at 7:00 PM on 8/22/2022 at Brandon Town Offices, 49 Center St., via ZOOM: Meeting ID (253 279 4161) , by Conference call: Dial (929) 205 6099, in order to obtain the views of citizens on community development, to furnish information concerning the amount of funds available and the range of community development activities that may be undertaken under this program, the impact to any historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the proposed project, and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine the proposed statement of projected use of these funds. The proposal is to apply for \$100,000 in VCDP funds which will be used to accomplish the following activities: Complete accessibility upgrades at the Library including a four stop elevator (LULA), and accessible bathroom modifications.

### **1. Call to order**

The hearing was open by Seth Hopkins, Chair at 7:00PM.

Seth Hopkins noted this hearing was to discuss the grant application for the Brandon Library with Molly Kennedy from the Library and Isaac Wagner, Grant Administrator, present to provide comment and answer questions.

Isaac Wagner stated with regard to the Brandon Library renovation project, there is a source of funds the Library is eligible to use from the Vermont Community Development Program that is an accessibility modification grant. A large percentage of the renovation will come from a lift tower and an accessible bathroom. The Library is asking the Town to apply for this grant to offset some of those costs. The grant would work similar to the one the Town had supported the Library for prior to this project. The Library is nearly finished with the prior grant and this process will be the same as the last grant with the Library incurring expenses and submitting invoices to the Town. The Town will then use the grant funds to pay on behalf on the Library. Mr. Wagner noted he has worked with Jackie Savela in this past.

Molly Kennedy stated this grant would function the same as the block grant and noted Dave Atherton was instrumental in moving that along. The Select Board is the technical facilitators and the Library would manage the project and will be responsible for working with the contractors, with the Town being a pass-through entity. Seth Hopkins noted the Select Board had discussed this project and grant at a previous meeting.

**Motion** by Tim Guiles/Tracy Wyman to approve the Town to act as the pass-through using the terms of the Vermont Community Development Program for the Library project. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **11. Adjournment**

The hearing closed at 7:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant  
Recording Secretary