

**Town of Vershire Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00pm at Vershire Town Center building.  
There will be a remote option for this meeting via Zoom or by phone.**

**Attendance:** Vernal Stone-chair, Ken Bushey, Nicole White-Fogarty, Gene Craft-clerk/treasurer, Alan Lyford-highway foreman, Gretchen Harvey-secretary, Reva Seybolt, Earl Robinson, and Pat Barnes.

**Call to Order:** V. Stone called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

**Agenda Review & Modifications:** None.

**Public & Staff Comments:** None at this time.

**Highway: Road Report:** A. Lyford reported that the roads that had broken up during mud season cannot be graded effectively right now because they are very dry. The crew is hoping for some cooler nights and/or some moisture to help with this problem. He has ordered some chloride for the roads to help with keeping down the dust. The crew will be going to the Equipment and Field show in Barre tomorrow. **Truck Update:** There is no good news regarding the replacement of Truck #3's computer. If this supply problem persists into late summer, the town may need to consider looking for a used truck. The crew would not want to go through another winter without this type of truck. They now have new tires for truck #2 and have sent four others out to be recapped. Earl Robinson asked if the road crew had considered looking at used trucks in Oklahoma or other states where they do not use road salt.

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** V. Stone moved to approve the minutes of 4/26/22 as amended and the minutes of the emergency meeting of 4/29/22 as written. K. Bushey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Current Period Warrants Approval:** N. White-Fogarty moved to approve the current period warrants. K. Bushey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Green Up Day Report:** K. Bushey noted there were a lot of tires collected and that scrap metal collection went well also. He wondered if there were as many green-up bags brought to the recycling center as in the past. A. Lyford reported that the road crew had picked up at least 30 bags the day prior on May 6th. G. Craft shared the information that the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District ([www.guvswwmd.org](http://www.guvswwmd.org)) is organizing a trash-collection day scheduled for September 17th, to be held in West Fairlee. See their website for other hazardous waste and e-waste collection options. Another option for Vershire residents to dispose of items like electronic waste or light bulbs before September is the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District ([www.cvsmd.org](http://www.cvsmd.org)) located in Barre.

**Bond Vote Resolution:** G. Craft summarized the directive he received from bond counsel on how to go about publishing the 3 required public notices on May 24, May 31, and June 7, 2022 prior to the bond vote. The vote itself will be held on June 12th. G. Craft read the resolution certificate out loud to those present. **Action:** V. Stone moved to approve the bond resolution for the town garage for \$1,525,000.00 K. Bushey seconded. The motion passed unanimously. G. Craft reminded those present that the goal is to continue to bring down the actual costs of this project as much as possible. K. Bushey asked if residents who might be out of state on June 12th might request an absentee ballot. G. Craft said they could do so.

**LaFlamme Visit schedule/check-in:** The SB wants to schedule a check-in with the salvage yard this month. G. Craft will call tomorrow and see if the SB can stop by next week to assess progress towards the agreed-upon plan for thinning out the number of cars on site. The SB also wants to inquire about when a crusher will be back on the site and get an estimate of how many more cars will need to be removed to meet the terms of the agreement with the town.

**Food Shelf Update:** N. White-Fogarty spoke to Tonya Gunn to inquire about the Saturday pick-up days being piloted for food shelf days. Tonya reported that they do not seem to be popular and that after June 4th, the food shelf volunteers will return to Friday-only Vershire Food Shelf dates.

**Set Schedule for New Town Garage Informational Meeting:** There was some discussion about the best date for hosting another town garage informational meeting. It was concluded that having the most up-to-date information at this meeting would benefit residents the most.

**Action:** V. Stone moved to schedule the next new town garage informational meeting on June 7th at 6:30pm at the TCB. It was noted that June 7th is a regularly scheduled Selectboard Meeting date but that the board will take care of the warrants first, beginning at 6:00pm, then start the informational meeting at 6:30pm. Further, the bond vote for the new town garage will be held on June 12th at 2pm. N. White-Fogarty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old/Unfinished Business:**

Social Media Policy: The SB will return to this topic in June and after the bond vote.

Combine TCB & REC Committees: this question was resolved at the 4/26/22 meeting.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Town Center Building Committee: R. Seybolt reported on the plans for cleaning up the area this Saturday. The plans are to help Recreation Committee members dismantle the ice rink for the season, put up the tent, and to clean up the area generally. She asked about removing a pallet near the river bank and was referred to G. Goodrich. A. Lyford will bring in a backhoe to clean up the gravel from winter snow plowing. G. Craft asked if the rink lights might be put to use for other events if they were mounted on movable bases. R. Seybolt will let residents on Town Meeting day know that the tent location would also be an acceptable location for a permanent pavilion, if the town chooses to build one there. All but one of the TC bathroom light bulbs have been switched out for more energy-efficient ones. The committee has been talking about reviving Friday night potluck meals and will present a proposal to the SB at the next meeting.

Recreation Committee: K. Bushey reported that the committee has a lot of ideas for events but the most current one is to revive the food truck nights that proved so successful in the past. They would like to schedule the Vindogs Fair Food truck on May 25 and have some other dates in mind for similar events. They would like to try to schedule one food truck night per month. The committee also hopes to purchase a bounce house for Vershire events, but this will require fundraising and they are considering fundraising and grant options. The Recreation Committee collected \$31 from the volunteer donations they received when collecting tires on Greenup day.

Energy Committee: P. Barnes summarized the committee's latest plans for an informational kiosk at the recycling center. The kiosk would include committee news and education but it would also be available for other postings from the town and town residents. He shared the construction plan with the SB members. Timber Homes will cover 80% of the cost of constructing the kiosk and the EC will fundraise and cover the other 20%. A/ Lyford is willing to do the minor excavation needed to sink the posts and will be located near the warming house. The committee hopes it will be in place sometime this summer. **Action:** V. Stone moved to accept the energy committee's proposal to construct a kiosk at the town recycling center. N. White-Fogarty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items/Assignments:**

Appointment to UVA Board. This task was accomplished at the 4/26/22 meeting.

**Executive Session:** N. White-Fogarty moved to enter executive session at 8:52pm for the purpose of conducting an employee review of C. Kinney per the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(3) of the Vermont Statutes. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Selectboard exited the executive session at 9:20pm. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved that C. Kinney is to be invited to attend the May 24, 2022 selectboard meeting for an employee review. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn:** N. White-Fogarty moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23pm. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.