

**Town of Vershire Selectboard Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Vershire Town Center.**  
**There will be a remote option for this meeting via Zoom or by phone.**

**Attendance:** Vernal Stone-chair, Nicole White-Fogarty, Ken Bushey, Gene Craft-clerk/treasurer, Alan Lyford-highway foreman, Gretchen Harvey-secretary, Debra Kingsbury, Mark Fogarty, David Hooke, Reva Seybolt, and Caro Bick.

**Call to Order:** V. Stone called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**Agenda Review & Modifications:** None at this time.

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

**Highway: Road Report:** A. Lyford reported that the roads are in good shape. No concerns at this time.

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** V. Stone moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting on 10/27/22 and the regular meeting on 11/7/22. N. White-Fogarty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Town Garage Update:** K. Bushey is waiting to hear from J. Coe with respect to scheduling a public informational meeting about the town garage project. The Selectboard discussed a handout generated by the Town Clerk showing revised numbers from the bond bank( based upon current interest rates), an estimated municipal tax rate hike, and local tax implications that would follow taking on the bank debt required for building a town garage. J. Coe just sent notification of his availability for a public meeting. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to set the public informational meeting for Monday, December 12th at 6pm in the Town Center Building. K. Bushey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Speeding in Vershire:** Vehicles traveling too fast through Vershire on VT113 are a problem. G. Craft has gathered some preliminary information about the type of flashing signs that record speeds, noting that the research shows drivers do slow down when they see them. These signs come in different sizes, are powered by either the electric utility or a small solar panel, are movable, and can collect useful speeding data. More research will be done about pricing options, including grant funds for this type of signage. In the interim, Vershire could inquire of the Sheriff of Orange County if he would deploy their mobile sign in Vershire for a trial period.

**Committee Reports:**

**Recreation Committee:** K. Bushey reported that a larger ice rink has been set up for the season. In answer to whether or not the smaller liner could be set up for a second skating option, the committee will take a wait and see approach to gauge interest level in using and maintaining a second rink. Some type of protective berm (either snowpack or scrap plywood) is still needed to protect the new liner from getting punctured by shovels or skates. D. Hooke reported that Timber Homes has been setting aside extra wood to donate for a shed/warming hut. It will be approx. 10'x12' and include an interior wall with lockable storage. It will be on skids and movable with a loader for out-of-the-way placement during the off season. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to authorize the Recreation Committee to spend up to \$550 from their budget for

supplies needed to complete a warming hut/storage shed for the TC. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Energy Committee: D. Hooke reported that the window dressers workshop was successful and the TCB now has window dressers in all its windows. He also summarized the ongoing initiatives the EC is monitoring including: the FedEx box at the Town Office, which is getting used, and on-going dialogue with Tri-Valley Transit about the feasibility of mass transit options for towns on VT113:

Town Center Building Committee:

**Executive Session:** To preserve confidentiality and maintain fairness, the Town Center Building Committee report will take place in Executive Session as it will focus solely on a discussion of the competitive bids submitted for the construction of a timber frame pavilion for the Town Center. **Action:** To maintain confidentiality and fairness in the bidding process and due to a finding that premature general public knowledge would place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage as per 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(1), V. Stone moved to enter into an executive session. Further, he invited R. Seybolt, C. Bick, G. Craft, and G. Harvey to join the session. N. White-Fogarty seconded. The motion passed unanimously. **Action:** V. Stone moved to exit the executive session with the finding that the discussion concerning the bids for a pavilion will be tabled until the Town Center Committee gathers additional information to present at the next regular SB meeting on 12/6/22. N. White-Fogarty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old/Unfinished Business:** None at this time.

**Action Items/Assignments:** None at this time.

**Adjourn:** N. White-Fogarty moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.