

**Town of Vershire Selectboard Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:00pm, Vershire Town Center.**  
**There will be a remote option for this meeting via Zoom or by phone.**

**Attendance:** Ken Bushey-chair, Nicole White-Fogarty, Vern Stone, Gretchen Harvey-secretary, Mark Fogarty, and Reva Seybolt.

**Call to Order:** K. Bushey called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**Agenda Review & Modifications:** Road report will be moved to 8pm.

**Public and Staff comments:** None at this time.

**Animal Control Report:** N. White-Fogarty reported that things have been quiet but encouraged the SB to consider future planning, including policies for reminding dog owners who are out of compliance, whether or not the pager is worth keeping, licensing fee collections in the new year, scheduling a rabies clinic, and placement of the dog kennel a 815 VCR.

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** N. White-Fogarty moved to approve the meeting minutes of 11/7/23. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Town Garage Update:** Proper elevation levels and leach field location are topics that need discussion at the next garage meeting. The logs and dirt pile nearby need to be removed and the equipment trailer also needs to be moved before winter. The garage interior, break room and bathroom are all painted and looking good. Some site work issues still need to be addressed. Annual grass seeding will be needed to stabilize the bank above the settlement pond. Some maple trees might also be a good stabilizer at this location. There was also a discussion of town crew trucking hours that need to be accounted for by Cass. The topsoil brought to Barre is still a subject of debate. An "open garage" event on a Saturday morning will be organized for December 16th from 9-11am, and just prior to the final walkthrough on 12/18/23. A. Lyford noted that the fuel tank will need to be relocated to the new garage. The older tank holds 500g and they sometimes run short. It might make sense to upgrade to a 1000g tank if possible.

**Highway: Road Report:** A. Lyford reported on a truck that will be repaired and ready by tomorrow. G. Harvey has been talking to C. Bump about finalizing the Mero Bridge bid package paperwork.

**Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC):** Two representatives are needed from Vershire. Eric Gilbert and Vern Stone are willing to serve. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to appoint Eric Gilbert as Emergency Management Director and Vern Stone as the 2nd representative from Vershire to serve on the Regional Emergency Management Committee (TRORC). K. Bushey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

Recreation Committee: K. Bushey reported that Santa will visit on December 9th from 1-3pm. The setup will be downstairs. The committee is coordinating a winter gear drive for all ages with collection on the porch at Vershire. The gear will be available on the 9th. The skating rink set up went well and they only need to hang the lights and fill before the rink before it opens; the latter is weather dependent. K. Bushey will call Joe's Equipment and Tucker Machine for snowblower price quotes and potential donation options. The Townsgiving event was successful.

Energy Committee: D. Hooke—no report.

VTC Committee: R. Seybolt reported on the TCB bell pull being disconnected from the bell, rendering it unusable. After some discussion the consensus was to decommission the bell (do not reattach) and store the pull cord out of sight.

The VTC voted to use the rest of the pavilion money for the purpose of investing in a snowblower to maintain pathways to the pavilion and the rink, and to keep the rink clear for skating. Both functions support the use of the pavilion and make the use of these funds for this purpose a logical one. Some funds will also be set aside for ditch maintenance in order to protect the pavilion in the wet season and perhaps a timer for the lights so they do not get left on overnight. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to authorize the purchase of a snow blower for the Town Center not to exceed \$1,400 and using excess pavilion funds. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The purchasing of new indoor tables previously agreed upon was discussed. All agreed they need to stay inside the building at all times. **Action:** V. Stone moved to authorize the purchase of four tables for the Town Center totaling \$726.50 plus shipping. N. White-Fogarty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items/Assignments:**

**Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to authorize Gene Craft-treasurer to represent the town of Vershire at the November 2023 tax sale. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** V. Stone moved to accept the estimate from VT Computing Cooperative in Randolph to upgrade the wifi system at the Town Center Building. K. Bushey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Admin. Asst. Report-**G. Harvey reported on Village Cemetery trees that have been taken down and communications with Allen's Salvage Yard.

**Adjourn:** K. Bushey moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.