

**Town of Vershire Selectboard Emergency Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 11:00pm, Vershire Town Center.
There will not be a remote option for this meeting.**

Attendance: Nicole White-Fogarty, Vern Stone, Ken Bushey, Gretchen Harvey-secretary, and Gene Craft-Clerk-Treasurer.

Call to Order: K. Bushey called the meeting to order at 11:12am.

Purpose of the Special Meeting: To set the date for the Annual Town Meeting.

The 2-hour discussion considered various dates for Town Meeting: March 24, March 5, or possibly some dates in April or May.

The Selectboard is and has been unanimous in its desire to return Town Meeting to its traditional 1st Tuesday in March meeting date in 2024. The Board let this be known early in 2023. Nevertheless, the members were willing to listen to the reasons for delay presented by the clerk/treasurer and town staff.

The main reasons given for delaying Town Meeting included but were not limited to: the challenge of developing accurate budget estimates caused by a year that saw many changes. These include: a grand list reappraisal that has not yet concluded; summer flooding expenses that have yet to be reimbursed by FEMA; the difficulties of meeting routine state and federal reporting deadlines; and the transition to a new garage (although welcome) which has created some budgetary unknowns. Each reason presented and more was discussed in detail.

The decision to delay Town Meeting 2024 was a difficult one for the Selectboard. In the end, the Selectboard agreed that it was prudent to take advantage of the State's offer to delay Town Meeting for one more year. Further, it concluded that a delay was in the best interests of Vershire's residents in order to gather as much accurate financial information as possible prior to Town Meeting 2024.

Action: N.White-Fogarty moved to hold Vershire's Town Meeting 2024 on Sunday, April 7th at 1:00pm in the Town Center Building. The informational meeting will be held one day prior on Saturday, April 6th at 1:00pm in the same location. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn. V. Stone moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:10pm. K. Bushey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.