

Town of Vershire Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:00pm, Vershire Town Center.

There will be a remote option for this meeting via Zoom or by phone.

Video link <https://youtu.be/aPLIjvy0104>

Attendance: Nicole White-Fogarty, Vern Stone, Amy Record, Gretchen Harvey, Admin. Asst., Paddy McCarthy, Mark Fogarty, Reva Seybolt, and Tad Boardman.

Call to Order: N. White-Fogarty called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Agenda Review & Modifications: None at this time.

Public and Staff Comments: None at this time.

Highway: Road Report: V. Stone reported that Darling Hill and Eagle Hollow roads have been spot graded. Some downed trees from the recent storm have also been taken care of. The back hoe will be serviced tomorrow and equipment oil samples will be tested. Doug will continue to grade and fix any small washes that occurred over the weekend. N. White-Fogarty noted that Ed Hathaway-EPA seeks Selectboard approval to have the speed limit lowered on Beanville and South Vershire Roads from 30 MPH to 25 MPH up to the work site at the Ely Mine. This is a safety issue while the remediation work is being done at the mine site. EPA will hold a public forum at 7 PM on 8/21/24 at the Vershire Town Center Building. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to approve the lowering of the speed limit to 25 MPH on South Vershire Road and leading up to the Ely Mine work site. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Garage Report: The SB received a letter from Jeremiah Trombly from True Engineering with three options for controlling the humidity inside the garage. M. Fogarty suggested getting an outside opinion from someone with knowledge of these systems before selecting an option. The SB will revisit this decision at the next regular meeting on 8/27/24. V. Stone will also follow up with Greg Dixson about the type of seed needed for the sediment ponds.

Pema Osel driveway: Paddy McCarthy shared some design drawings for culvert-replacement work that Pema Osel would like to undertake. The flooding in 2023 caused the existing culvert to over-flow twice and they are now being proactive to try and address future flooding. They are using the state of VT's standards for addressing this hazard and would like to continue the conversation with the Town about how the work will be done and who will pay for the road work. They will need permission from the Town to do some work in the ROW, and they would like to partner with the Town to have it raise the roadway to an appropriate level to meet the proposed bridge.

Pema Osel will have more clarity and details to share in the coming weeks. The Town agreed that they could move forward with the permitting process. Also, it will be important to bring the Road Superintendent back into the conversation about what needs to happen with the roadway. Further discussions will take place at the next regular meeting on 8-27-24.

Animal Control: N. White-Fogarty reported that with the exception of a few missing cats, there is nothing new to report.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: N. White-Fogarty moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 7/30/24. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee Reports:

Recreation Committee: No Report.

Energy Committee: No Report.

VTC Committee: R. Seybolt introduced Tad Boardman, who submitted a proposal to address the need for ditching and drainage at the Town Center. He proposes a ditch approximately 445' long, 6' wide, and 1.5' deep in order for the water not to overtake the playground. It would likely need regular maintenance perhaps every 5 years. If a decision is made to go forward, the costs would need to be built into next year's budget.

Action Items/Assignments:

Administrative Assistant: Correspondence & Report: G. Harvey reported on some follow-up correspondence and requested permission to finalize the bid package for Eastman Cross Road work and get it posted. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to authorize G. Harvey to work with Chris Bump at AOT-4 to finalize and post the bid package for work needed to repair the lower end of Eastman Cross Road. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There was additional discussion on the arrangements that need to be made to secure the availability of the replacement truck Vershire needs to purchase. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to authorize the Admin. Asst. to draft a letter of intent if necessary to secure the purchase of a truck from AGT-Westminster, VT. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: N. White-Fogarty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.