

Town of Vershire Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 30, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Vershire Town Center. There will be a remote option for this meeting via Zoom Video <https://youtu.be/q9jLzfQR7Zg>

Attendance: Vern Stone, Nicole White-Fogarty, Amy Record, and Gretchen Harvey-Admin. Asst., Doug Stone, Gene Craft, Steve Ward, and Diann Ward.

Special Meeting Purpose: to discuss a request from VF&R to use the municipal interest rate to purchase an emergency vehicle and a computer failure at the Town Garage as per 1 V.S.A § 312(c)(2).

Call to Order: N. White-Fogarty called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Agenda Review & Modifications: None at this time.

Public and Staff Comments: None at this time.

VF&R Request: V. Stone explained the request by VF&R to utilize the Town's interest rate via the MELF (municipal equipment loan fund) in order to purchase a *Wet Rescue Truck*. There is a used 2007 vehicle with 7,000 miles that is of interest. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to authorize VF&R to use the Town's Municipal interest rate to purchase this emergency vehicle. A. Record seconded. V. Stone abstained due to his involvement with VF&R. The motion passed. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to amend the previous motion to conclude with: pending the approval of the MELF (Municipal Equipment Loan Fund). A. Record seconded. V. Stone abstained due to his involvement with VF&R. The motion passed.

Garage Computer: The laptop at the Garage has failed. D. Stone is working to recover its data. All agreed that a new, portable PC is needed and that it ought to include an external hard drive for back-up purposes. The discussion focused on the best choice for the Garage. G. Craft offered to follow up with Dell and to compare the costs of a Chromebook-style device with similar features and RAM and storage capacity. **Action:** V. Stone moved that N. White-Fogarty makes the final decision on a PC purchase for the Town Garage. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Gene Craft provided a brief update on his recent payment of the Mascoma bank loan and his on-going conversations with a representative from USDA-Northeast RD and its interest in making sure the Garage includes features that are ADA compliant.

Adjourn: N. White-Fogarty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

