

Town of Vershire Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 7:00pm, Vershire Town Center.

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

Video: <https://youtu.be/0p4Qo42LDE4>

Attendance: Nicole White-Fogarty-chair, Vern Stone, Amy Record, Gretchen Harvey-Admin. Asst., Joseph Guyer, Michelle Massa, Kellie Merritt, Earl Robinson, Gene Craft, Billy Anderson, Gregory Wilson, and Justin Willieau.

Call to Order: N. White-Fogarty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Agenda Review & Modifications: None at this time.

Public and Staff Comments: None at this time.

Highway: Road Report: D. Stone reported on getting the trucks, tires, and plows ready for winter. He has ordered new steering tires and rims for Truck #2. He is also working with Rita Seto on highway grant management. Eastman Cross Road repairs are coming along and the Town expects the repairs to be completed by November 1st. Garage Report: There is a meeting scheduled with Jeremiah Trombly and a Control Tech representative on Oct. 28th at 8am to assess the operation of the ventilation system. V. Stone will be onsite to answer questions. G. Craft reported on his work regarding documentation of ADA standards for USDA-RD. He received a list of standards from James Coe. Any corrections needed can be made within two years. He is waiting to hear if an environmental assessment is required.

Planning Commission: Michelle Massa and Gregory Wilson presented updates on the work the PC has been doing: drafting a new ordinance for possible adoption by the town, sending out a town-wide survey designed to inform Town Plan updates, and scheduling a hearing for all parties and residents to attend and to provide feedback on the most recent draft of the Town Plan. That hearing will be held in the Town Center building on Wed. November 20, 2024 with a meeting time to be announced. The proposed ordinance focuses on preventing residents from using noise as a means of harassment. It makes clear exceptions for noise that is a normal part of activities on rural, working landscapes (forestry, agriculture, etc.). Discussions of noise ordinances have been brought to previous Selectboards but action was never undertaken. The PC will do additional research to consider how these ordinances have worked and been enforced in other towns. The Selectboard looks forward to hearing the findings at its next regular meeting on November 19th.

Animal Control: N. White-Fogarty reported that there has been very little activity of concern and nothing significant to report at this time.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: V. Stone moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 10/8/24. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee Reports:

Recreation Committee: No Report

Energy Committee: No Report.

VTC Committee: No Report.

N. White-Fogarty wanted to thank Kellie Merritt and Joseph Guyer for coming to the meeting tonight and for expressing interest in the open Road Crew positions in Vershire. She introduced them to the Road Supt and Road Commissioner if they have additional questions. G. Harvey noted that applications with directions on how to submit them are linked to the Home Page of the Town's Website. Once received, she will coordinate times for in-person interviews.

Recycle Coordinator: Billy Anderson was present to report on operations at the Transfer Station. He indicated that all is going well, two bins have been switched out, but that someone dropped off recyclables last week in the bin that wasn't properly separated. Also, a couple of bikes and bags were left outside the closed gate. There was a discussion about coordinating with the VTC Committee about how best to get rid of recycling during times when the Transfer Station is closed. There have been no signs yet of any bear activity.

Executive Session-Personnel Matters: **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to enter an executive session to discuss personnel matters as per 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) and invited Billy Anderson and Gretchen Harvey into the session. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to exit the Executive Session with no finding. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items/Assignments:

Administrative Assistant: Correspondence & Report: G. Harvey reported on Allen's Salvage Yard activity, FEMA project updates, new fuel tank research, and service inquiries to EC Fiber.

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