

Town of Vershire Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 30, 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/tmW0YGw5t_E

Attendance: Nicole White-Fogarty-chair, Vern Stone, Amy Record, Doug Stone-Road Supt., Gretchen Harvey-Admin. Asst., Dexter Lefavour, Connor Fogarty, Debra Kingsbury, Reva Seybolt, and Gene Craft-Clerk/Treasurer.

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

Agenda Review & Modifications: Tree Warden, M. Fogarty will attend the next meeting once he has more information.

Highway: Road Report: D. Stone reported on the trip last week to look at a used packer truck but it was not worth buying or fixing. The roads have been holding up well but the warm-up and predicted rain will require work to bring them back into shape. He has been catching up on maintenance and welding and noted that the new fuel tank is wired and set up in its temporary location waiting to be filled. It will have a cover installed later on, once it is in its permanent location. He also checked on Riding School Rd and noted that some culverts were installed on the class 4 section that do not meet codes and standards. The Development Administrator will be asked about any permits issued in this or other locations.

Mero Bridge: D. Lefavour from New England Consulting Engineers attended for the purpose of summarizing and to answer questions regarding the bid opening for the Mero Bridge project on 12-19-24. The recommendation is to accept the low bid from CCS in Morrisville and he shared his reasoning and reference checks and answered many follow-up questions about how these bids were put together and why the costs of certain items can vary so widely. There are bid items that often do not represent the actual cost of a certain item and this makes them challenging to decipher for anyone not in the construction business. D. Lefavour noted that the Town has 90 days from Dec 19th to make a decision and should take the time necessary to make certain that the disaster funding for this project is secure. He offered to help with questions from FEMA.

Tree Warden on EAB: This discussion was postponed until the next regular meeting.

TCB Shoveling: - Connor Fogarty shared his proposal for keeping the main access doors (ramp to main door, the steps to the side door) and access to the kiosk free of snow during the winter season. He was also asked to keep the hand rail cleaned off. His services include sanding and salting these

areas as needed with town supplies. He proposed being paid \$17.00 per job as an independent contractor. His availability would be M-F after school (after 3:00pm) and about mid-day on weekends. Because he catches the bus in this location on school days, he would be able to keep track of the needs on a regular basis. **Action:** V. Stone moved to hire Connor Fogarty to shovel snow at the Town Center building. A. Record seconded. N. White-Fogarty recused herself. The motion passed.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: V. Stone moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 12/17/24. A. Record 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: G. Harvey updated the SB briefly on EC progress regarding energy assessments. The EC will meet Sunday 1-5-25 and will update the SB shortly thereafter about items it suggests for the warning.

VTC Committee: R. Seybolt asked about the timing of budget discussions. She would like to be present and offer a rationale for VTC budget items.

Action Items/Assignments:

Executive Session: Action: N. White-Fogarty moved to enter an executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel decision as allowed by V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) and invited G. Harvey and D. Stone into the session. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to exit the executive session with no finding.

Administrative Assistant: Correspondence & Report: G. Harvey summarized the recommendation by TRORC to delay adoption of the Town Plan until next summer. She will begin posting the Road Crew job opening again after the new year.

Adjourn: N. White-Fogarty moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously