

Town of Vershire Selectboard Meeting Minutes-Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm, Vershire Town Center. There will be a remote option for this meeting via Zoom or by phone. Video: https://youtu.be/m2heet_IVkE

Attendance: Vern Stone, Amy Record, Doug Stone-Road Supt., Andrea Cunha-Admin. Asst., Nicole-White Fogarty-Chair, Mark Fogarty, Connor Fogarty-Recycle Coordinator, Tad Boardman, Dexter Lefavour, Marc Chauvin, Kelly Bushey, Eleanor Zue, and Gene Craft-Clerk/Treasurer.

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

Agenda Review & Modifications: None at this time.

Public & Staff Comments: None at this time.

Highway: Road Report:

D. Stone reported: The road crew has been grading and spreading gravel as needed. Truck 2 is back from being serviced. The last frozen culvert located on Miller Pond has drained. A garage door was damaged while moving a plow truck. The Town submitted an insurance claim and received a quote from Lajeunese Construction to complete the repairs. A. Cunha will coordinate with the insurance company and D. Stone will follow up with Lajeunese. A. Cunha will follow up with Catamount Solar to give an update on the condition of the garage and when it will be repaired. Once the garage has been repaired, Catamount Solar can proceed forward with the install.

Mero Road: Trucks will be bringing in gravel tomorrow morning and guard rails later this week. The Town has concerns about the trucks and crane driving on the roads due to the road conditions and weight restrictions. CCS has been informed of the weight restrictions and what protocol needs to be followed. D. Lefavour from New England Consulting will send these instructions in writing to M. Chauvin -CCS for future reference. D. Stone has requested the materials be brought in on a cold morning prior to 10:00 am and off the roads by 12:00 pm. No digging or excavating will happen for a while. Precast materials are needed and they are not ready. Residents have been contacted to let them know the road would be temporarily blocked during certain phases of this project.

Ely Mine: The EPA will be bringing in gravel tomorrow morning via South Vershire Road before 10:00 am but will be off the roads by 12:00 pm. Nicole White-Fogarty reached out to Nico Blomerth-Project Manager to make sure he has our contact info. They have been informed on the weight restrictions and Town protocols.

Pema Osel Ling Retreat Center: P. McCarthy gave us an update on Eastman Crossing Road. Residents applied for a permit to fix the road about 5 weeks ago, they are waiting to hear back. The residents are committed to buying the materials, but are asking the Town to share in the

efforts and cost of the materials to raise the road. They would like to start work by the end of August if possible. Once they have the permit they will follow up with the Town for next steps.

Recycle Coordinator: C. Fogarty reported that all transfer station operations are going well. He reported some are not happy about the new parking restrictions, but he has been able to explain that these changes were implemented to address the flow of traffic. A collection of light bulbs has been located and needs to be sorted. A. Cunha will help C. Fogarty sort and send out bulbs as needed. Full battery boxes will be dropped off at the Town Office and sent out for processing. C. Fogarty requested a sign on the paper/cardboard recycle bin to remind residents to crush/breakdown boxes prior to placing them in the bin. A. Cunha will provide a sign this weekend. C. Fogarty will stay by the recycling area more to help facilitate and answer questions. A. Record recommended that the Town figure out how much revenue we brought in and how much has been spent on tipping fees. This information will help determine if an adjustment on punch card prices is needed. G. Craft will help to gather this information and report back.

Green Up Day 5/3. D. Stone will drop off the metal & tire recycling bins. He will get pricing from Evergreen on the tire bin and will communicate the pricing to the Select board. M. Fogarty will help run the backhoe for Green Up Day. K. Bushey and E. Zue will distribute bags. Bags will be available in bundles of three, located at the Town Office and Trash Center. C. Fogarty will assist anyone that needs them. The Green Up Day Committee will post to the Listserv and hang posters in the community, A. Cunha will put information on the Town website. The ATV club will help again this year with collecting. The committee keeps track of how many bags are collected to be sent out and a report is issued to the state. There is no charge for scrap metal disposal, but there will be a charge for tire disposal. A price list will be posted. For everyone's safety, we ask that when collecting, residents use a tool and/or medical gloves. Needles have been found in tin cans/bottles, so be careful. Also, stay away from multiple bins/buckets together especially if they are covered. Do not open and contact the fire department.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: V. Stone moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 3/25/25. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Current Period Warrants Approval: V. Stone moved to approve the current period warrants. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Recreation Committee: Duck Long Jump 200 small rubber ducks have been purchased. The price will be \$2 per duck. The event is being held on 4/19 at 11:00am after the Easter Egg Hunt. 50/50 winner for the duck that goes the furthest. The Town did not receive the grant for the trails. K. Hooke will meet with Upper Valley trails on 4/21 to discuss. She will also reach out to The Byrd foundation. Strength class started 4/7 at 5pm and will run for 6 weeks at our Town Center Building. Upon completion, a survey will be done for all the groups to see how all

classes went. Some additional recommendations for future classes are a sewing class, more kid games/programs, teen programs and soccer camps. K. Bushey has reached out to the British Soccer camp. They would be available the week before Vershire Camp if we can get a minimum of 20 Kids. The Town would host and the British Soccer Camp would promote the event for us. A. Buchanon will help facilitate.

Energy Committee: No Report.

VTC Committee: Ditching will be scheduled for after July 1st, when the ground is dry and summer camp is over. T. Boardman recommends ditching and continued maintenance. The Town is considering taking the material from the ditching and bringing it to the back of the field. Possibly build a berm near the playground. A.Cunha reported on what insurance coverage we have for the upcoming 2025 Recreation Committee events and if any additional insurance and/or requirements are needed. Volunteer sign up sheets will be required. She will provide a spreadsheet to the committee with a breakdown of what is needed for each event.

Action Items/Assignments:

Action Item: Vern Stone moved to proceed forward using Lajeunese to complete the garage repairs and Amy Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COAL-2025: Allen LaFlamme/ Allen's Salvage Yard has submitted a Certificate of Approval for Location of a Salvage Yard(COAL) application. A public hearing will be held on 4/22/25 at pm for residents to attend. After the meeting the Selectboard will decide if a 1 year COAL is to be issued.

Administrative Assistant: Correspondence & Report: A. Cunha submitted a water test to Endyne to have the water tested at the new garage. Upon completion, the water test results will be forwarded to Megan Kane-Environmental Analyst for Department of Environmental Conservation to satisfy the permit's yearly requirement. A. Cunha submitted the FY 2026 Highway Grant Application to the District Contact Chris Bump, as required. No further action is necessary at this time. A.Cunha posted for the Cleaner position and Secretary position. M. Fogarty asked if the cleaning position is part-time and it was confirmed for part-time. A. Cunha is taking resumes and will continue to post until the positions are filled.

Adjourn: V. Stone moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.