

Town of Vershire Selectboard Meeting Minutes-Tuesday, May 6, 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/d749WhUnkB4>

Attendance: Vern Stone, Doug Stone-Road Supt., Amy Record, Pat Barnes, C. Fogarty, Andrea Cunha-Admin. Earl Robinson. Asst., Nicole-White Fogarty-Chair.

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: Road grading has been going well until the rain came, but dust is down. Water and frost is still happening in a few places. Ayers Road, Eastman Cross Road and a few others still need some work, the road crew is just waiting for the road to dry out. Most roads that had gravel added are doing well. Mountain School Road is slimy but D. Stone will add more gravel. Tree clean up will be starting soon. Regular maintenance is still ongoing. The small freight liner needs summer tires.

Lajuenese came out to fix the Town Garage door and put the framework back together. Additional steel was needed to fix the trim, but as soon as it comes in they will be back to complete the work. The weather stripping was fixed but not done correctly. Lajuenese will be back to redo the weather stripping as well. Catamount can be contacted to schedule the solar install.

Green up Day- ATV Club collected 34 green bags and a few more that last two mornings. No residents came after 12pm to drop off any bags, so next year the event will be just until 12pm. N. White-Fogarty spoke to Andy Scherer, Recycling and Outreach Coordinator for the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District and he confirmed that any refrigerators, microwaves or televisions can go to Evergreen Recycling in Wilder VT. Anything freon related will be charged the refrigerator price.

Recycle Coordinator:

C. Fogarty Reported: The containers will be swapped this week. Green up Day went well, many green bags were collected. The metal dumpster needs to be crushed down to fit more. D. Stone will coordinate this being done. A. Record reminded C. Fogarty that dehumidifiers are classified with refrigerators because they use refrigerant, so we cannot take them. N. White-Fogarty suggested referring residents to Evergreen Recycling for these types of items. C. Fogarty has been getting a lot of questions from residents about electronics, TV's and computers specifically. There is a special day to collect those items, but residents can take them to

Bradford or Hartford. It is free at those locations. This weekend there will be a dryer and a few other appliances being dropped. D. Stone said to put them next to the metal dumpster and the road crew will put in with the backhoe.

Cardboard has fallen between the dumpsters. C. Fogarty asked to clean the area the next time the dumpsters are changed out. D. Stone will add gravel with the packer to fill in the mud. The packer passed inspection, but we will still continue to search for a replacement.

A. Record asked if we received numbers for tonnage and how much we collected in punch cards. She wants the board to evaluate if trash prices will need to be increased. N. White-Fogarty requested a puncher to keep track of how many bags were dropped off for Green Day, but was not able to get one. This is on her list to obtain and to start tracking.

C. Fogarty has collected plastic 6 packs/beer can lids. They cannot go into recycling unless they are numbers 1, 2 or 5. A. Record asked him to box them and she will bring them offsite. D. Stone will create a space with C. Fogarty for leaf and yard waste debris to be dropped off. If bags are dropped off C. Fogarty will inform A. Record and she will take them off site.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: V. Stone moved to approve the regular and special meeting minutes of 4/22/25. 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.

Resident Comments:

J. Corbett- His parcel is located on the Class 4 section of Riding School Road and wants to know when the very end will be put in. He has requested a 911 address and wanted to know the status. D. Stone has his application and he needs to come out to measure. D. Stone will follow up. J. Corbett wanted an update on a match once the culverts were up to spec. D. Stone noticed that the culverts are on the smaller side. He explained that the Town of Vershire adopted the Vermont State Specifications, which means the size of a culvert in a driveway should be at least 15 inches in diameter. For road crossings, the minimum size is 18 inches in diameter. J. Corbett installed 12" culverts, therefore they may be too small for state requirements. V. Stone has asked that the town be informed before any grading happens on the road. N. Fogarty asked Mr. Corbett to stay in touch with us.

Committee Reports:

Recreation Committee: Laura Craft will not be able to coordinate Vershire Day. N. White-Fogarty asked A. Cunha to reach out to the Recreation Committee to assist. V. Stone added that the fire department will handle the planning and execution of the fireworks.

Energy Committee:

P. Barnes Reported:

Log Cabin-The Energy Committee wanted to know what the long term plans are for the second floor of the log cabin. They understand that it could be used for storage but not as office space due to window size. They propose putting a hatch in the stairwell and insulating the floor. P. Barnes suggested putting down a plastic sheathing as a vapor barrier and then a layer of rigid foam on the floor.

Town Center Building- when will the furnace work start and what is the timeline. V. Stone reported that the water test was done and the hardness is fine. The new boiler installation timeline is the last week of June, beginning of July. Some additional items that have not been budgeted yet are, removing the vent stack and repairs to the roof. V. Stone requested a plug so nothing can come down through.

Town Office- The committee would like to know if there is a line item for maintenance in the budget and could these dollars be used for energy efficiency? N. White- Fogarty thought this may be feasible, but asked the Energy Committee to figure out the estimated costs and to come back to the Selectboard.

A. Cunha reported that she had reached out to the Energy Committee to look at grants to pave the parking lot of the Town Center Building. The Town has to commit to putting this on the State map and maintaining it as Park and Ride indefinitely.

So the first question will be whether, after months of experience with the lot/signage, the Board would now feel more comfortable making that long-term commitment - in which case the State program and its requirements might seem worthwhile. N. White-Fogarty would like to get better signage for the lot. The energy committee will work on getting additional signs. D. Stone is inquiring with Two Rivers about grant money for the Town Center Building. He will follow up.

VTC Committee: Lots of people came out to clean up/ organize and move stuff around. It went well.

E. Robinson wanted to give an update on his neighbor. He now has outdoor speakers running until midnight or after and a bright light shining at Mr. Robinson's house. E. Robinson has a no harassment order in place but it has not been enforced. N. White-Fogarty is having the Planning Committee look into Town ordinances. E. Robinson encourages the board to come out to his property to assess the situation.

Action Items/Assignments:

Action Item:

Motion to Accept Town Plan: V. Stone moved to adopt the Town Plan, as amended. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to sign VTRANS Municipal Roads Grants- In - Aid Program application: V. Stone moved to sign the application . A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Assistant:

A. Cunha Reported: The employee handbook is with the attorney for final review. There were some clarifying questions on page 7,10 & 12. Once we have the final version back from the Town attorney it will be put on the next Selectboard meeting to be adopted.

Angie, the new cleaner will start on Sunday May 11th. A walkthrough of all 3 buildings will be done on 5/8/25 to give instructions.

N. White-Fogarty requested A. Cunha to obtain a dozen parking cones for the Farmer's Market and Transfer Station. In addition, she requested A.Cunha look into replacing the Porta-Potty at the Town Center Building with a handicapped restroom.

Adjourn: N. White-Fogarty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.