

Town of Vershire Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 7:00pm, Vershire Town Center.

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

Video: <https://youtu.be/QS3S2rbgN8s>

Attendance: Vern Stone, Doug Stone-Road Supt., Amy Record, Gretchen Harvey-Admin. Asst/Sec., Earl Robinson, Chelsea Parker, Dexter Lefavour, Gene Craft, Eleanor Zue, Pat Barnes, and David Hooke.

Call to Order: V. Stone 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 that the road crew has been busy grading, ditching, filling holes and mowing. He picked up some slab granite in Barre and will reset the fuel tank on a sounder foundation. He met with Rita Seto and learned the town has been awarded another grant-in-aid for next year. They also are looking into what can still be accomplished this year by installing culverts to slow water run-off in certain areas. The new truck will be complete once the body arrives from Canada. New England

Consulting Engineers: Dexter Lefavour provided updates on Mero Road bridge work and answered questions from the Selectboard. He also provided plans for the Reed Road box culvert and indicated a time line for putting it out to bid. G. Harvey asked some specific time line questions related to when Reed Road could be finished and the need to request an extension from the State/FEMA for this project to carry over until spring 2026. She will follow up right away. G. Craft asked some questions about invoicing in order to manage cash flow prior to reimbursements. D. Lefavour offered to provide Vershire with several week's notice every time NECE approves a bill.

Recycle Coordinator: No report.

Appointment to Planning Commission: V. Stone moved to appoint Leana Horster to the Planning Commission until the next town meeting in March 2026. A. Record seconded. The motion passed.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: A. Record moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 6/17/25 as edited. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed.

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

Committee Reports:

Recreation Committee: K. Bushey sent his report via email noting that he will be coordinating the timing of the delivery and filling of the dunk tank for

Vershire Day. The transfer station will be open Saturday and someone needs to let Craig know about the chicken bbq trash that will need to be secured to keep bears away. D. Hooke passed along a message from Kathy noting that TC trail work will begin Thursday 7/3 and that there will be some wood delivered for small bridges along the trail. V. Stone described where a good staging location would be for the wood.

Energy Committee: D. Hooke has written to Catamount Solar to remind them that the final connection to the grid remains. He will also ask them to do a walk through with a rep from VF&R and others who want to ask questions. The boiler in the TCB has been installed. The town meeting appropriations for energy efficiency work in town buildings was discussed—for the TCB, the log cabin, and the Office. The capital projects fund is separate from these appropriations. The committee will work with the treasurer to manage expenses for this work. P. Barnes shared a list of projects categorized under each building with the initial work on each list being in-expensive and likely accomplished with volunteer labor. He believes most or all of the work can be done within the budgeted appropriations. Some weekends in September will be scheduled at the TCB for window dresser workshops.

VTC Committee: No report.

Action Items/Assignments:

Administrative Assistant: Correspondence & Report: There was some discussion to address concerns of the Planning Commission with respect to its scheduling a hearing with the Dev. Board of Adjustment. The Selectboard members are willing to attend the meeting if a workable date is selected. G. Harvey recommended the Selectboard and other staff members participate in some organizing discussion to consider the future of office staff makeup and office space configuration. The Selectboard agreed to participate. She will begin making the arrangements.

Executive Session: Not needed.

Adjourn: V. Stone moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.