

## **Town of Vershire Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 12, 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/l4pCfitvvfM>**

**Attendance:** Nicole White-Fogarty-chair, Amy Record, Doug Stone-Road Supt., Gretchen Harvey-Admin/Sec, Connor Fogarty-Recycle Coordinator, Earl Robinson, Gene Craft-Clerk/Treasurer, and Mark Fogarty.

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

**Agenda Review & Modifications:** None at this time.

**Public & Staff Comments:** Earl Robinson asked if a noise ordinance is in the works. N. White-Fogarty reiterated that the SB is following the regular process of first holding a town-wide vote to approve the Town Plan and then considering all Planning Commission recommendations regarding updating existing ordinances and/or newly proposed ones. All ordinances will need to conform to both the new Town Plan and existing state statutes.

**Highway:** Road Report: D. Stone reported on the work being done on Chamberlain Hill Rd where culvert installation and ditching is expected to help with run-off and snow removal. It will be closed during the day from Mon 8/11 through Wed 8/13. He purchased 14 used tires which is a significant cost savings versus re-treading existing tires. Vermont Security completed some work for the Town and N. White-Fogarty will follow up in re: invoicing. He continues to work on the grant-funded road projects. He is aware that the roads are very dusty and he may spread some chloride; the best solution would be some rain which the whole state needs. He will attend the Reed Rd culvert bid opening at the Town Office at 2pm—the last FEMA project in line for repair due to flooding in 2023.

**Recycling Report:** Connor Fogarty reported that a lot has been happening at the Transfer Station. He will reach out to Andy Scherer at GUVWSMD about disposing of long fluorescent lightbulbs. He also notified D. Stone about needing a substitute on a day when he will be away. He reported that the containers are very full and will be swapped out very soon. He asked for an update on replacing the Packer and if a working porta potty has been ordered. He also requested a water container at the site given the hot conditions they have experienced lately. N. White-Fogarty is working on the Packer details; G. Harvey is addressing the need for a working porta potty; and D. Stone will look for a substitute for him and a water container that can be put at the Transfer Station. Connor would also find it helpful to know which groups (and events) are allowed to bring trash to the transfer station free of charge. This led to a larger discussion about the need for more

guidelines and clarity on this issue of trash removal from the TCB generally, and also the need to redouble message efforts to ALL users of the TCB to follow VT law and separate out recyclable materials and food scraps for composting. Another related issue brought up at the last meeting is the fact that the Town's bag fees are not covering costs of disposal.

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** N. White-Fogarty moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 7/29/25. A. Record seconded. The motion passed.

**Current Period Warrants Approval:** N. White-Fogarty moved to approve the current period warrants. A. Record seconded. The motion passed.

Mark Fogarty asked if there is any reading yet on how the solar installation at the garage is reducing the overall electric bill for the Town. Gene Craft reported that it is still too early to tell but he should know more by the next meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

Recreation Committee: No report.

Energy Committee: No report.

VTC Committee: No report.

**Action Items/Assignments:**

**Administrative Assistant:** Correspondence & Report: G. Harvey reported that the repair of the refrigerator should occur on Tuesday, 8/19, she has spoken to Mike Tagliavia and Kyle Katz about grant funding opportunities for road repairs, she has calls out to the VT Dept of Labor and Wind River Environmental to inquire about an HR issue and porta potty rentals and she is also working on a position description for the Animal Control Officer. Currently, there is an unresolved issue having to do with a dog bite and the Town is attempting to get some answer from legal counsel on how to proceed. N. White-Fogarty asked G. Harvey to let NECE know that the Town would like to have some kind of inspection or sign off of the final project on Mero Rd. once all the bridge work is completed.

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