

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

**Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7:00pm, Vershire Town Center**

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

**Video available 30 days: [https://youtu.be/WXO\\_ixGIzcE](https://youtu.be/WXO_ixGIzcE)**

**Attendance:** Nicole White-Fogarty-chair, Amy Record, Vern Stone, Gretchen Harvey-Admin/Sec, Connor Fogarty, Ken Bushey, Steve Ward, Earl Robinson, Mable Frasier, Barry Frasier, Debra Kingsbury, Mark Fogarty, Helen Wilson, Gene Craft-Clerk-Treasurer, and Reva Seybolt.

**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:**

Barry Frasier presented a proposal to the Selectboard for work he would do to address his concerns about the bridge on Mero Road. He presented his design drawings, provided some cost estimates, and shared his rationale for the proposed work. He also inquired about leasing the town-owned property on Patterson Mountain and shared his interest in both keeping it open for public use but also logging an area with mature trees near his property line. The Selectboard thanked him for coming and sharing his proposals.

Steve Ward expressed some road safety concerns regarding certain locations that are too narrow to remain open to two-way traffic during emergency situations. He referred to the training scenarios utilized by VF&R and indicated there would be a need to close certain roads during emergency situations. These concerns are in addition to others he expressed at the last meeting. The Selectboard will make sure the Road Supt. is informed and that the concerns are addressed.

Earl Robinson wanted to share his continued frustration with ordinance violations taking place near his residence. The Selectboard assured him that the ordinance violation process is being followed and the Board is doing everything it is empowered to do to resolve them.

**Highway: Road Report:** D. Stone submitted his report by email. He reported that Eagle Hollow, Parshley, Miller Pond, Barstow, and the south end of Parker Roads have been graded. Some repair work has been done on Trucks #1 and #3. He is waiting for a delivery of culverts. He is expecting the arrival of the new truck during the week of October 27. G. Harvey reported that the job opening on the Road Crew has been reposted.

**Recycling Coordinator:** C. Fogarty reported that he had the recycling bin swapped out last week. Because Casella delivered a new bin off schedule, he

now needs to have each bin swapped out separately rather than at the same time. The total cost for swapping out two bins separately was \$985.78, whereas the total cost for swapping out two bins at the same time was \$969.81. This is an approximately \$15 increase per every time the 2 bins are swapped. G. Harvey was told the costs would not increase by Casella's representative. She will follow up to get an explanation. The metals bin will be in place for one more weekend. A sign should be placed at this bin to remind residents that too much plastic is being placed in this bin. The metal bin items must be 90% metal. A notice will get posted on the Listserv.

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** V. Stone moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 9/23/25 as amended. 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: Ken Bushey asked the Selectboard to approve a donation from the Rec Committee funds to VF&R for their help filling the skating rink and dunk tanks used for events. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to approve a donation from the Recreation Committee funds of \$300 dollars to Vershire Fire and Rescue. A. Record seconded. V. Stone recused himself as a member of VF&R. The motion passed. Zumba classes are ongoing every Thursday in October with a slight change of start-time from 5:00 to 5:15pm. The first class was well attended. The Committee will be revising their mission statement and bringing it to the Selectboard for approval. The Committee would like to expand its scope to include all Town-owned properties. The Committee is hoping to fill the skating rink (weather permitting) after Thanksgiving and in time for Santa's visit to Vershire on December 6th.

Energy Committee: Pat Barnes was called away for an emergency up north, but he left a draft of sign language for the parking area closest to the TCB. The Selectboard approves of the wording. The other item under discussion regarding weatherization of the TCB requires more information before a decision is made.

VTC Committee: R. Seybolt shared Uriah Wallace's email proposal for how to tighten up the gaps in the TCB hot water heater closet. The Selectboard recommended that the committee plan to move the water heater into the boiler room, and tighten up the smaller closet space for storage in 2026. In

the interim, as many of the gaps as possible in this closet will be sealed. V. Stone will also close off the lower opening of the pizza oven.

**Action Items/Assignments:**

Administrative Asst. Report: G. Harvey summarized some of her work activity and email correspondence on behalf of the Selectboard. She requested that the Board consider an amendment to the Town of Vershire Employee Handbook that clarifies lunch and break options for full-time employees.

**Action:** A. Record moved to approve the employee handbook amendment as proposed. V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn:** V. Stone moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. N. White-Fogarty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.