

Town of Vershire Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7:00pm, Vershire Town Center
There will be a remote option for this meeting via Zoom or by phone.
This link is available for 30 days: <https://youtu.be/PQJZI3ViNb0>

Attendance: Nicole White-Fogarty-chair, Vern Stone, Gretchen Harvey-Admin/Sec, Kristen Quirk, Reva Seybolt, Earl Robinson, Ken Bushey, Kathy Hooke, Mark Fogarty, and Amy Record arrived at 7:30pm.

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

Agenda Review & Modifications: N. White-Fogarty requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss attorney-client correspondence.

Public & Staff Comments: Earl Robinson requested an update on the Notice of Violation sent to a land owner on Taylor Valley Rd. N. White-Fogarty explained that the Selectboard is following an ordinance process in consultation with legal counsel to address violations.

Highway: Road Report: V. Stone reported on using a tractor to clear a downed tree on Moody Hill Rd. N. White Fogarty noted that the Selectboard held an emergency meeting on 10-15-25 for the purpose of finalizing the purchase of a packer truck for the town. G. Harvey will start advertising for someone with a VT-CDL who may want some additional hours by helping at the transfer station on Saturdays and driving the packer to Lebanon the following week for emptying. The person will need to pass a drug (DISA) test and the work will require approximately 7-8 hours per week (5 hours on Saturday plus 2 hours to drive to Lebanon).

Animal Control: N. White-Fogarty reported on a couple of instances where dogs were running at large. She spoke to the owner and they are aware they need to do a better job at keeping the dogs on their property. The dogs are vaccinated but need to become registered. She is working with them to bring them into compliance.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: V. Stone moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 10/7/25 and 10/15/25. N. White-Fogarty seconded. The motion passed.

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

Committee Reports:

Recreation Committee: Ken Bushey reported that Zumba classes are going well and they will discuss continuing them beyond the end of October. Kathy Hook provided a trails update noting that the work on the newly configured Town Center trail has concluded for the year. Because it has been so dry, some additional work in wet areas will take place in the spring when these trouble spots are visible. She anticipates a trail announcement can occur simultaneously with the Cross Rivendell Trail annual meeting, to be held this year at the Town Center on Nov. 9th. She is investigating additional grant funding for the rehabilitation of an old trail that ran from the TC to the Post Office. She will report back when she has more information. She also reported on the proposed, informal Patterson Town Forest Zoom meeting scheduled for Wed. 10-22. She noted that this is a first attempt to open up the conversation among residents for whom Patterson Mountain is a special place. She promised to hold more meetings in the future, including an in-person option, to widen the circle of public input. She will confer with K. Bushey and schedule a special meeting of the Rec Committee if this makes the most sense.

Energy Committee: No report.

VTC Committee: R. Seybolt reported that Laura Craft has agreed to be the point person on the AED in the Town Center. Kristen Quirk introduced herself and asked a few questions about starting a knitting/hand crafts group that would meet in the TCB on a regular basis. She was invited to come share her proposals during the next Rec Committee meeting on Nov. 5th.

Action Items/Assignments:

Administrative Asst. Report: G. Harvey asked the SB about their availability for the purpose of setting up some information sessions to share and answer questions about the summer retreat summary. She also reported on information she received from VLCT about municipalities moving towards .gov email addresses for added security. She shared a radon assessment with the SB that will be shared with a task force created to assess the storage and office space limitations at the town office.

Executive Session: Action: N. White-Fogarty moved to enter executive session due to a finding that premature general public knowledge regarding an ordinance violation would place the public body or person involved at a substantial disadvantage 1 V.S.A. §§ 313(a)(1). V. Stone seconded. The motion passed unanimously. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to enter an executive session to discuss confidential attorney-client communications concerning ordinance violations 1 V.S.A. §§ 313(a)(1). A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to exit the executive session with the finding that the Admin. Asst. will follow-up with the Town's

Attorney about next steps in the development ordinance enforcement process. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: V. Stone moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. N. White-Fogarty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.