

Town of Vershire Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 7:00pm, Vershire Town Center
There will be a remote option for this meeting via Zoom or by phone.
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Attendance: Nicole White-Fogarty-chair, Vern Stone, Amy Record, Doug Stone- Road Supt., Gretchen Harvey-Admin/Sec, Connor Fogarty, Mike Tagliavia -Orange 1 Representative, Steve Ward, Reva Seybolt, Mark Fogarty, Chelsea Parker, Debra Kingsbury, Tim Ward, and Dexter Lefavour.

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: Mike Tagliavia wanted to inform the board that he is aware of public safety concerns in the area and that he has spoken to various public safety officials about these issues. He also asked if there were any questions with respect to the logging activity that has occurred on Beaver Meadow Rd. He spoke to someone at VT Dept. of Forest, Parks and Recreation to gather more information about logging violations. He noted that the legislature will take up public safety concerns during the next session, including drug addiction, crime, and the legal mechanisms holding violators accountable.

Highway: Road Report: D. Stone reported on the grading and leaf clearing done on the roads, as well as work preparing the trucks for winter. The back hoe has been serviced by CAT, and truck radio programming has been coordinated so that all radios are on the same channel. He plans to have the packer and the new truck #1 undercoated.

Steve Ward wanted to follow up on questions he asked earlier about Stacy and Eagle Hollow roads. D. Stone explained that one 18" culvert has been installed on Stacy Rd due to it being rusted out. He also spread 6 loads of gravel in that location. The initial work to maintain Stacy Road was done several years ago with the materials paid for by the resident on that road. The town has continued to maintain culverts on class 4 roads. The town also did some work on Rowell on that same day to address water runoff. Steve Ward expressed a safety hazard concern on Eagle Hollow Road along a narrow section near the brook. He asked if signage or markings in that section would help to alert drivers. N. White-Fogarty asked if reflectors could be used in this location. She drives this road daily and has noticed an increase of traffic on this road. D. Stone explained that the challenge with installing anything on this section of the road is that it was rebuilt after storm Irene with rip rap and this created a solid rock base layer. Steve Ward mentioned another location that currently poses a safety hazard at the

intersection of Chamberlain Hill and Vershire Center Roads. He noted there have been 2 accidents there recently. The Selectboard thanked Steve Ward for bringing these concerns to their attention.

Recycling Report: Connor Fogarty reported that he asked D. Stone to crush the cardboard and asked V. Stone to check on the temperature gauge on the shed heater. Once the metal bin was removed, some metal items continued to be left on the take it and leave it table near the paper/mixed recycling bins. Connor removed the items and has used a metal detector to clean up the area of nails or sharp objects. The Selectboard reminded him that it is his job to keep the area around the recycling bins cleaned up as much as possible. V. Stone asked him to be watchful for anyone backing up to the packer truck. Backing up anywhere in this area is dangerous and not allowed. Although Connor routinely helps older residents and those who ask him for help with their trash bags, the Selectboard noted that, without knowing what is inside the bags, this can be a health and safety hazard. D. Stone will dispose of a few other large items that have been left at the transfer station in recent months. Connor has let G. Harvey know that he found someone to cover for him while he is away for the next 2 Saturdays.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: V. Stone moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 10/21/25. 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.

Planning Commission Updates: G. Harvey shared a summary of the report sent by the PC that includes updates on their work. This includes the post-town plan adoption review of existing development ordinances to make sure they still comply with state law and match the updated town plan. The PC also expects to recommend updating some of the terminology to match that which is used state-wide with respect to land development.

Committee Reports:

Recreation Committee: No report.

Energy Committee: No report.

VTC Committee: R. Seybolt reported that the committee is working on its 2026-27 budget and is gathering estimates for various building maintenance projects that it will propose to be considered for the next fiscal year.

Tim Ward was asked if he had any comments he wanted to make tonight. He explained that he does have some concerns but plans to attend a meeting in the future to share them then. Debra Kingsbury was also asked if she has

any comments to make. She noted that the Listers budget and training needs are on her mind and she will share more in time for budget review.

Action Items/Assignments:

Executive Session: **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to enter executive session due to a finding that premature general public knowledge regarding contracts with the town would place the public body or persons 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 contracts with the town and invited Dexter Lefavour and G. Harvey into session 1 V.S.A. §§ 313(a)(1)(A). A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously. **Action:** N. White-Fogarty moved to exit the executive session with the finding that Dexter Lefavour will check in with Northwoods about their timetable for work on Reed Road, that an extension request to FEMA will be necessary, and that the contract for Mero bridge is considered closed, and that the town will complete the paperwork to close out that FEMA project as soon as possible. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Asst. Report: G. Harvey reported on a request by a resident to rent the town center building in the spring, she asked some questions about finalizing a job description for the transfer station, and explained that she will be working this week to get the title and registration in place for the packer truck as soon as possible.

Adjourn: N. White-Fogarty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.