

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 29, 2026 @ 6:30pm

In attendance:

Selectboard

Reginald Bunnell – chair

R. Terry Williams

Tyler Fournier

Board Secretary

Terri L. Williams

Citizen

Bonnie Sult - Constable

Sophie Phelan - NVDA

John Kascenska –State Rep

CALL TO ORDER

Reg called the meeting to order at 6:28 P.M.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of the August 25th, 2026, selectboard meeting were reviewed and approved

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS/REQUESTS/INPUT

- Sophie Phean from NVDA gave us a review of ACT 181 and how it will affect our town going forward. She explained that as of this date, ACT 181 will have no impact other than the original ACT 250 guidelines that are in place.

REPORT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER:

- R Terry reported that the Cutler Mill Road grant is complete, Lund Road Grant will be completed on 9/30 and the section from Austins Road toward Guildhall will be completed on the 10th of October. He is waiting for more gravel for that project.
- He also explained that the line of credit from Passumpsic Bank was now available whenever we are in need.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

- Copies of the "Budget to Actual" for Road and General were presented to the board.
- Terri L reported that NVDA has invited us to the NVDA Board of Directors' Meeting that will be held October 15th in Newport.
- Terri L. presented the 2025 General Highway Map to the board.
- She informed the board that there was an upcoming meeting of FEMA flood hazard modeling and mapping if anyone was interested in attending.
- The road salt for the winter has arrived.
- Our fire extinguisher yearly inspection will take place on October 12th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There was another report of Jerry's dog biting a resident. The resident will write up an incident report, Terri L will gather all the past information and incidents and turn all documents over to Bonnie. Bonnie will then meet with Riverside Rescue and ask for the dog to be removed from town.
- Reg and Terri L both worked on getting quotes for the final repairs and painting of the town garage. Those quotes need to be turned in by September 30th
- Casey Houghton gave us a contract for roadside mowing. This year it will cost us \$2,000. Reg signed the contract.
- Terri L put together a spread sheet for the years 2025 and 2026 to show the cost of electricity for the Town Hall and Town Garage before solar installation and after installation. There doesn't seem to be much of a difference. Terri called GMP to get an understanding. She was advised to reach out to either Efficiency Vermont or the installation company and ask for an energy audit. She will follow through with this when she gets back from vacation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The state is asking for the board's opinion on having an online dog licensing option. The board is not in favor.
- The town hall will be in use on October 11th for a "Celebration of Life".
- LandVest/Liadsa are seeking input regarding forest management plan development, High Conservation Value Area analysis, community interests and other planning and operational considerations. R Terry reached out to Sam Myne, Essex County Natural Resource Director, and asked him to meet with them on our behalf. Sam agreed to.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- John Kascenska, our state representative, gave us an update on state matters. His topics covered new policies for fire wardens, the financial standings of area hospitals, and his assignment to the nominating committee to fill a vacancy on the Green Mt Care Board. He informed us that the governors proposed budget will have an increase of 1%. High cost of Education was also discussed.
- Reg provided us with contact information on another rubbish removal company for comparison.

ADJOURN:

Reg Bunnell adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Board Secretary

Terri L. Williams

Approved by the select board

Chair _____

Member _____

Member _____