

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 29, 2025 @ 6:30pm

In attendance:

Selectboard

Reginald Bunnell – chair

Raymond Terry Williams

Tyler Fournier

Board Secretary

Terri L. Williams

Citizen

Representative John Kascenska

Tonya Guare – mobile nursing

CALL TO ORDER

Reg called the meeting to order at 6:32

APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of June 24th, 2025, selectboard meeting were approved

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS/REQUESTS/INPUT

- Tonya Guare, representing Mobile Primary Care for Vermont Communities, was in attendance and spoke to us about the possibility of mobile healthcare in our community. At some point in the future, the town will hold a town wide meeting and invite Tonya to join us to explain what services they could provide us. The things she mentioned as possibilities: basic health care, writing prescriptions, pretty much anything that you would seek a primary care facility to provide.

REPORT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER:

- The FEMA mitigation project continues. Casey has completed Felka Road, Shores Hill Road, and most of Porrell Road. A couple more days and the project will be complete. R Terry will then submit our financial request to FEMA.
- The grant for \$20,000 was signed off by the state for 4 sections of Granby Road.
- R. Terry has been working on the MRGP Map (town roads map) and is having some success in getting it caught up since it's last update in 2017.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

- Account balances were reported.
- The cause of our internet and phone outage was due to a broken wire
- The Appleton Cemetery has hornet issues. There is a nest in the ground as reported by Barney's mowing services. Reg agreed to take care of it.
- Terri asked if someone could hang up a Bulletin Board outside the office. No firm resolve was discussed.
- Terri provided the Budget to Actual as of 07/29/2025. All looks good.
- We are commencing with the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Terri reached out to Chair of the Planning Committee, Tom Duffy. He will make a plan for a meeting when he is back from vacation.
- Terri informed the board that the "Town Proceedings Book is 4 years in arrears. It will take a lot of hours to find all the documents that should have been added for these 4 years. She has solicited the assistance of the Assistant Town Clerk.
- Casey Houghton and Terri L. Willaims met with student Quinn Bornstein to discuss the "way of life" for the most rural towns of Vermont. Quinn, who is not a resident of our town, is doing a college paper. Thank you to Casey for taking the time out of his busy schedule to participate in this effort.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Reg updated us on the electric at the schoolhouse. He turned the power off.
- In reference to the leak in the basement closet, Casey will give us an estimate to put drainage around the building.
- We do not have a written contract with Walt Naborsky. The selectboard was not concerned.
- Terri reported that Fitch Fuel came and did their annual cleaning. A worn belt was replaced.
- Ryan Houde agreed to be our NEKWMD Representative as the previous representative was not attending the meetings
- With some research, Terri did not find where our zoning by-laws have an expiration date, however by-laws will be updated as some changes need to be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Tyler gave the board an update on the MERP grant. There were no changes from the previous month. It was suggested to have a town wide meeting do discuss how any remaining monies could be spent.
- John Kazenska gave us updates on state legislation. He let us know that the State Budget is \$9 Billion. The Budget Adjustment did not pass. There are 10 million people in homeless shelters/hotels/motels with vouchers across the United States. The program is ending. Legislature passed a bill allowing Vermont's veterans not to be taxed on their benefits. FEMA has not released any monies to the State of Vermont as of yet. On the topic of Education, John stated that there was discussion as to district size being somewhere between 4,000 and 8,000 students, there discussion on governance (school board makeup) and discussion on a foundation formula to help balance financial equity across all school districts. There will be public input sessions at some point.

ADJOURN:

Reg Bunnell adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Board Secretary

Terri L. Williams

Approved by the select board

Chair _____

Member _____

Member _____