Starksboro Selectboard Meeting
November 17, 2026
Unapproved

Board members present: Eric Cota, Koran Cousino, Carin McCarthy, David Schmidt
Board members absent: Tony Porter
Others present: Michael Miller, Robert Turner, Richard Fasey, Steve Rooney – Zoning Administrator, Linda Gionti

Koran Cousino called the meeting to order at 5:33p.m. at the Starksboro Town Clerk's office.

Review agenda: None.

Public comment: Robert Turner provided an update on the Housing Forum. The Conservation Commission is not rebuilding the bridge by the Creekside trail, instead they are putting in a rock crossing.

Motion: Eric C. motioned to approve Stark Mountain Drive. David S. second. Motion approved.

Richard Fasey asked if the Selectboard would be willing to sign a letter of support for clarifying the administration of RBES and CBES Energy Codes in state statutes. This item will be on the next agenda.

Linda Gionti presented two options to address the potential of data centers in Starksboro including a resolution on the Town Meeting Day ballot and adopting interim bylaws. David S. mentioned that data centers are prohibited in all zoning districts in the current draft of the bylaws.

Robert Turner discussed fund balances and revenues with the Selectboard.

Motion: Carin M. moved to authorize Eric C. and Tony P. to sign the previously agreed upon Roads & Bridge standards. David S. second. Motion approved.

The landfill monitoring was approved for a reduction to annual monitoring.

Motion: Eric C. motioned to approve the warrants for AP & Payroll with a follow up confirmation of two missing Acker invoices. David S. second. Motion approved.

Motion: David S. motioned to approve the minutes from 11/3. Eric C. second. Motion approved.

The School Board is still strongly considering moving 6th graders to Mount Abe.

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There was an inquiry about how people can schedule the use of the Jerusalem Schoolhouse.

Future Agenda Items: How to Schedule Jerusalem Schoolhouse Events, Policy for Open Meeting Law, Municipal RBES

Motion: Carin M. motioned to enter executive session 1 VSA §313(a)(1)(3) re: personnel. Eric C. second. Motion approved.

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No action taken.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to enter executive session 1 VSA §313(a)(1)(f) re: attorney-client privilege. Eric C. second. Motion approved.

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No action taken.

Motion: Eric C. moved to adjourn. Second by David S. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator

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