

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting

April 1, 2025

Unapproved

Board members present: Koran Cousino, Carin McCarthy, David Schmidt, Eric Cota, Tony Porter

Others present: Nancy Cornell, Tom Perry, Susan Klaiber, Amanda Vincent – Town Administrator

Koran Cousino called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. at the Starksboro Town Clerk's office.

Review agenda: Koran Cousino added a discussion at the end of current business on setting a special meeting date for later this week for warning the bond vote.

Public comment: Susan Klaiber updated the Selectboard on the process the Jerusalem Center Committee will follow to notify the public of the informational meeting and bond vote. The Committee needs the location and time of the informational meeting.

Action: Amanda Vincent to explore tax impact on different funding options.

Vermont Rural School Community Alliance: Nancy Cornell gave an update on where the legislature is with education redistricting. The Vermont Rural School Community Alliance is working to give a voice and representation to rural schools. It was acknowledged that the alliance and members of the Selectboard aren't wanting status quo, but also wanting a voice and a seat at the table.

Motion: Tony Porter motioned to join The Vermont Rural School Community Alliance. Carin McCarthy seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Carin McCarthy and Nancy Cornell will be the point people with the alliance.

Tom Perry was interviewed by the Selectboard for the vacancy on the DRB.

Employee Review Process: Employee reviews will take place on May 12th at the Town Office starting at 9am. There will be two board members present for each review. The Road Foreman will conduct review of his employees.

Current Business:

Action: Amanda Vincent to run the Investment Policy by Susan Jefferies.

Action: Amanda Vincent to check in about ARPA reporting by April 30th.

Action: Amanda Vincent to invite Ali to the April 15th Selectboard Meeting.

Action: Amanda Vincent to check in with Josh Martell about Personal Protective Equipment.

Action: Propose a Capital Maintenance Fund for the FY27 budget.

Koran Cousino signed the schedule of billing rates and policies from Carroll, Boe & Kite.

Action: Amanda Vincent will conduct a doodle poll with staff to schedule staff meetings on the best monthly Mondays.

Motion: Carin McCarthy motioned to sign 250th Anniversary Resolution. Seconded by David Schmidt. Motion approved unanimously.

Action: Amanda Vincent to ask the Historical Committee if they want to be the liaison for the Town.

Motion: Carin McCarthy motioned to adopt the weight limit on highways per AOT guidelines. Seconded by David Schmidt. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: Eric Cota to approve the Scenic Valley Landscaping quote. Seconded by Tony Porter. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: David Schmidt motioned to accept the minutes from 3/18. Eric Cota second. Motion approved unanimously.

Action: Amanda Vincent to continue to review minutes on old town garage usage.

Action: Selectboard to investigate subletting and insurance coverage.

Motion: Tony Porter motioned to approve AP and Payroll. David Schmidt second. Motion approved unanimously.

Selectboard Retreat will tentatively be April 28th at 5:30pm. There will be no regular business on this agenda. Potential topics include planning, goal setting, and an annual calendar. Location ideas include Town Garage or JSchool.

Motion: Carin McCarthy motioned to enter into executive session per 1 VSA §313(a)(1) re: personnel. David Schmidt second. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: X motioned to exit executive session. X second. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Session Action: Appoint Candidate #2 to the DRB.

Motion: Carin McCarthy moved to adjourn. Second by David Schmidt. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator