

## Starksboro Selectboard Meeting

January 6, 2026

Unapproved

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**Board members present:** Carin McCarthy, David Schmidt, Koran Cousino

**Board members absent:** Eric Cota, Tony Porter

**Others present:** Amanda Vincent – Town Administrator, Amy McCormick – Town Clerk, Cecilia Elwert, Kristen Toy, Tom Payeur, Liz Sayre, Nancy Cornell, Brad Johnson

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Koran Cousino called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. at the Starksboro Town Clerk's office.

**Review agenda:** Koran C. moved up the Municipal Planning Grant contract and the resolution regarding Village Centers and Act 181/Act 250 to the beginning of the agenda.

**Public comment:** None.

**Motion:** Carin M. motioned to approve the contract extension with Brenda Torphy for the Municipal Planning Grant. David S. second. Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion:** Carin M. motioned to approve the Act 181/Act 250 resolution. David S. second. Motion approved unanimously.

**Road Foreman Update:** Plowing is going as planned and things are going well. There are personnel concerns to be discussed at a future executive session.

**Cemetery Commission:** The Cemetery Commission is asking for membership to VOCA at \$20/year or \$80 for 5 years. Carin McCarthy motioned to approve a five-year membership to VOCA. Second David Schdmit. Motion approved unanimously.

**MAUSD Update:** Starksboro cares deeply about Robinson School and with all the changes at the state level, it may be worth aligning the MAUSD strategy more closely with the current state recommendations. It was suggested that MAUSD look into other cost-saving measures that don't include reducing staff or closing schools. Starksboro wants to be a part of the conversation and a part of the process.

### Current Business:

**Budget:** Town Administrator Amanda V. brought up that we have been using our road equipment reserve fund for debt payments. TA Amanda V. also mentioned we have many highway related projects and upcoming equipment needs that need to be budgeted for.

**Action:** Treasurer Ali T. to look into short-term investments.

**Action:** Work with the energy committee on a generator and possible grant from the garage.

**Action:** Reinforce the washing of vehicles and ongoing maintenance to extend the life of our equipment.

**Ongoing Projects:** TA Amanda V. provided an update on ongoing projects.

**Motion:** David S. motioned to approve the minutes from 11/6. Carin M. second. Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion:** David S. motioned to approve the minutes from 12/16 as amended. Carin M. second. Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion:** David S. motioned to approve AP and Payroll. Carin M. second. Motion approved unanimously.

**Selectboard Roundtable:** Jerusalem Schoolhouse has another coffee and donuts gathering on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Agenda Items:** Budget, Warning

**Motion:** David S. moved to adjourn. Second by Tony P. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator