

## Starksboro Selectboard Meeting

Nov. 19, 2024

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**Board members present:** Koran Cousino, Carin McCarthy, David Schmidt, Eric Cota, John Painter  
**Others present:** Amy McCormick, Amanda Vincent, Josh Martell, Richard Faesy, Jeff Dunham, Richard Warren, Herb Olson

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Koran Cousino called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. at the Starksboro Town Clerk's office.

**Review agenda:** Amanda Vincent added a budget update at the FY24 Audit

**Public comment:** None.

**Motion:** David moved to approve the minutes for 10/2, 10/8, 10/22, 11/6 with the one adjustment on 11/6. Seconded by Eric Cota. Motion approved unanimously.

### Roads Report:

Josh Martell provided a Roads Report for the Selectboard. Josh stated that all the work from the July storm has been completed and their current priorities are culvert replacements, making sand and getting ready for winter. Big Hollow culvert that is currently plugged is on the list. The culvert budget is spent for the year. Koran Cousino noted that there is an opportunity for some of the culverts to go through Hazard Mitigation. Josh feels they are prepared for winter.

**Action:** Josh Martell will check out Ireland Road for the reported ridge in the center of the road.

### Energy Committee:

Richard Faesy and Jeff Dunham from the Energy Committee shared what they have been working on.

A few key takeaways include:

- MERP Grant Implementation
- Navigator role promotion
- Data needed for Energy Star Portfolio Manager
- Why has there been a drop in solar production?
- Why has there been an increase in the Town Office summer power usage?
- EV Charge Station Rate review

**Action:** Amanda Vincent will check how much of the MERP mini grant has been spent and let the Energy Committee know.

**Action:** Amanda Vincent investigate EV charger contract and if we are locked into a certain rate.

## MERP Implementation Grant:

**Motion:** Eric Cota makes a motion to sign the MERP Implementation Grant. Seconded by John Painter. Motion approved unanimously.

Herb Olson came to introduce himself and hear concerns from the Selectboard.

## Appropriation Discussion:

Richmond Rescue and Bristol Rescue will still need to get signatures for an increase in the appropriations request.

**Action:** Koran Cousino will call Richmond Rescue and inform them of this decision.

**Action:** The Selectboard will revisit the categorization of contracted emergency services for next year's budget.

## FY24 Audit

The FY24 Audit letters of engagement will be reviewed at a future meeting given the fact that we have some cleanup to do with our financials before we are ready for an audit.

**Motion:** David Schmidt moved to approve the warrants for A/P and payroll. Seconded by Eric Cota. Motion approved unanimously.

Koran Cousino stated there are open seats on the cemetery commission and the DRB. There is an interest in the open cemetery commission seat.

**Action:** Amanda Vincent will put out a vacancy for the DRB on Facebook, FPF and Website.

**Motion:** Eric Cota moved to adjourn. Seconded by John Painter. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator