

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting

Dec. 3, 2024

Unapproved

Board members present: Koran Cousino, Carin McCarthy, David Schmidt, John Painter

Board members absent: Eric Cota

Others present: Amy McCormick, Amanda Vincent, Nancy Boss, Richard Faesy - Energy Committee Chair, Brad Johnson, Kristen Toy, Dan Baker, Mike Blakesly

John Painter called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. at the Starksboro Town Clerk's office.

Review agenda: No additions.

Public comment: Richard Faesy shared that the Energy Committee wants to get data up to date on the Energy Star Portfolio and wants to use MERP funds to hire an office staff member to do that, pending Selectboard approval of spending the MERP funds. Richard Faesy asked clarifying questions about the heat pump. Richard Faesy and The Selectboard clarified that Jeff Dunham will be the point of contact for All Earth Renewables.

Action: The Selectboard will follow up with Josh Martell about quotes for the one-to-one heat pump.

Action: The Selectboard will make a decision on the use of the MERP funds.

Schoolboard:

Brad Johnson and Kristen Toy shared a Schoolboard budget update with the Selectboard. Brad Johnson reported that the per pupil spending for the FY26 Budget is about \$14,000 which is down 1.5% from the previous year. While this is great news, we will still see an increase in the overall school budget increase for various reasons. The Schoolboard needs another Starksboro representative.

Starksboro Historical Society:

Dan Baker and Mike Blakesly shared with the Selectboard the 250th anniversary is coming up. Does the Selectboard want to include a historical write up in the Town Report? A weekend of celebration in 2026? The Historical Society is looking for a recommendation as to when they can start planning this event. The Selectboard directed the Historical Society to form a committee.

Budget:

The Selectboard shared an overview of the budget process and how it has happened in the past.

Action: Amanda Vincent will create the budget spreadsheet for the December 18th meeting.

Action: Amanda Vincent will revise the ARPA resolution for signature at the December 18th meeting.

Action: Amanda Vincent will prep the agreement for the Bulk Time NEMRC Agreement. Amanda Vincent and Nancy Boss will check to see what we have paid Darlene.

Action: Amanda Vincent will let all employees know about the data breach.

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

Motion: David Schmidt moved to approve the minutes for 11/19. Seconded by Carin McCarthy. Motion approved unanimously.

Action: Carin McCarthy will share the safety of Dan Sargent Rd with Eric Cota to communicate with Josh Martell.

Motion: Carin McCarthy motioned to entered executive session with Nancy Boss, Amy McCormick and Amanda Vincent. David Schmit seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator