

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting

April 21, 2026

Unapproved

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

Board members absent: David Schmidt

Others present: Amanda Vincent – Town Administrator, Steve Rooney – Zoning Administrator, Robert Turner, Amy McCormick – Town Clerk, Branden Martin, Dennis Casey

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

Review agenda: Move warrants to beginning. Add a discussion of paving Tyler Bridge Rd to the end. Removed Road Erosion Inventory.

Motion: Eric C. motioned to approve the warrants for AP & Payroll. Carin M. second. Motion approved.

Public comment: Dennis Casey is asking the Selectboard to have the DRB deliberate with the applicants in the session.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to adopt the Road Naming & Addressing Ordinance and endorse the Town of Starksboro Zoning Administrator for ZA. Tony P. second. Motion passed unanimously.

The Selectboard discussed what priorities and next steps the finance committee should focus on. These include capital planning, the auditor's management letter and investing.

Appropriation Policy - The Selectboard would like to see signatures for 3 years for new, one year for a change in amount. The Selectboard plans to approve this with that one change at the next meeting.

The Selectboard reviewed the proposals for the Design Engineer RFP.

Motion: Eric C. motioned to accept the proposal from Stone Environmental. Tony P. second. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: Carin M. motioned that moving forward, the Town will take over paying for the Fire Department Heat for both Fire Stations. Koran C. second. Tony P. and Eric C. noted for the record they are both members of the Fire Department. Motion approved unanimously.

The Selectboard discussed the retreat agenda.

The Selectboard gave approval to switch to biweekly payroll starting on July 1st, 2026.

The Selectboard gave approval to move forward with weatherization of the Town Office.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to enter executive session per 1 VSA 313(a)(1)(3) re: personnel with Road Foreman Paul P. and Town Administrator Amanda V. Eric C. second. Motion passed.

Motion: Tony P. motioned to exit executive session. Eric C. second. Motion passed.

No action taken.

The Selectboard reviewed the mail.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to approve the minutes from 4/3 & 4/7 with the correction of the date on the 4/3 minutes. Tony P. second. Motion approved.

Action: Get a second quote for painting the Town Office and the Town Hall.

The Chili Cookoff was well attended with 80-100 people including recent silver medalist Ryan Cochran-Siegle.

The MAUSD Schoolboard voted to study the closure of Monkton and New Haven. Starksboro Save Our Schools is reaching out to support Monkton organizers.

There is a meeting on May 4th at 6pm at the Town office to plan for a 250th celebration the week of July 5th. All are welcome to join the committee.

The Selectboard scheduled a vicious dog complaint hearing for April 27th at 6pm.

Future Agenda Items: Appropriation Policy, Builder's Risk Insurance, Town Roads and Bridges Standards, Act 181, Town Plan & River Corridors

Motion: Carin M. moved to adjourn. Second by Eric C. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator