**SELECTBOARD MEETING**
**June 25, 2026**
**Minutes**

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| Present: | Pat Haller | Callie Hamdy |
| | Nick Nichols | Tommy O’Conner |
| | Julia Andrews | |
| | Deb Jorschick | |

Guests: Dave Lavallee, Michael Miller, Carol Winfield, Barb Peck, Max Tyler

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
Added Security Bond.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – Items Not on the Agenda**
There were no public comments.

**MINUTES**
J. Andrews moved to approve the June 11, 2026 minutes as amended. D. Jorschick seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**CCRPC UPDATE**
Ben Bornstein, CCRPC Representative, was not present. P. Haller attended the CCRPC meeting Ben had suggested last meeting. In that meeting the Brookside Trail scoping study was discussed. Taylor Newton will be the lead for 1705 and as soon as July 1st that project will begin.

**ROAD SCHEDULE**
Sean Cushing, Road Foreman, was not present. P. Haller went over the road schedule from June 12, 2026 to June 25, 2026.

**FY’25 HIGHWAY BUDGET STATUS REPORT**
Tommy O’Conner, Town Administrator, went over the FY’25 Highway Budget Status Report.

**ACCESS PERMITS APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE**
**Chapin Road Property**
There had been a culvert replacement Sean had looked at and approved. J. Andrews motioned to approve. D. Jorschick seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**Allen-Irish Road Property**
This was a formality because they were doing work on the driveway that was within the town ROW, Sean had approved. N. Nichols motioned to approved. D. Jorschick seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**TREASURER REPORT**
**Review FY’25 General Fund Budget Status Report**

T. O'Conner, Town Administrator, went over the FY'25 General Fund Budget Status Report.

**Review and Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**
The Selectboard reviewed and approved the accounts payable and payroll warrants.

**LETTER OF CREDIT – GOODRICH TRAIL LICENSE AGREEMENT**
They need to have a guarantee for the subdivision, and they got a line of credit from EastRise, but EastRise only has lines of credit to a limited amount leaving them needing to pay $500. Our attorney had suggested we could receive a check for that amount and where to deposit it until construction is complete. We could also alternatively enter into an escrow agreement, but it would be more work for the town. J. Andrews motioned to accept a $20,000 letter of credit and a check for $500 for the Goodrich Trail license agreement to satisfy to $20,500 surety requirement establishing the Goodrich Trail license agreement and that the $500 be held in a non-interest bearing account pending completion of the required improvements. D. Jorschick seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**E911 UPDATES AND ACTION**
The State e911 board needed the board to make a more formal motion now that the Girr subdivision is complete. By doing this, it changes the e911 addresses for some of the residents on Machia Hill Road. P. Haller motioned to extend the naming of Machia Hill Road to be beyond the addresses of 162 and 189 and up to Lot 2 of the Girr Subdivision. J. Andrews seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**CCRPC HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM CONTRIBUTION**
J. Andrews moved to forward the FEMA match agreement amount of $37,144 for fiscal year FY'28. N. Nichols seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**COVERED BRIDGE UPDATE**
Work is progressing quite nicely on the bridge despite some extra rot which will be fixed with no extra cost to the town.

**1705 OUTREACH**
P. Haller had seen Taylor Newton. He will begin helping us in early July. Ben Bornstein had suggested some outreach to community members during the July 4th Event. P. Haller proposed he could brush hog a trail down to the river and set up a table at 4th of July. Would the board want to let people walk into the old building? J. Andrews and D. Jorschick were opposed, believing it to be a high risk activity. P. Haller wanted to get an idea of what community members thought of the property in general. D. Jorschick wondered if we could stake out the house area with caution tape to give us some added protection. That was possible. N. Nichols liked the idea of a table where people could come up and ask questions. He wondered if there would be a way to collect input, wishes and desires of the residents at this table. Max Tyler was present. He wondered if the survey's from the UVM kids could be available to fill out as datapoints. P. Haller thinks that would be a great idea, but we are going to be getting the CCRPC consultant to help us do outreach and that consultant may want to incorporate very similar questions into the more formal outreach. Barb Peck thought it was a good idea to have a table on the Common for 1705, but she disagreed that it was safe to go down to the river. D. Jorschick asked what about the town trails that go along the river such as

the school trails. J. Andrews had swum in the river there when it was hot. D. Jorschick wondered if there was a difference from those river access to the river access on 1705. There is also river access on the other side of the Common of VT Route 128.

**MYERS TRASH EXTENSION**
Myers has requested to extend the contract for two more years at the same cost. J. Andrews motioned to extend the contract. D. Jorschick seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**SELECTBOARD RETREAT**
The Selectboard had talked about having a retreat and wanted to do so prior to the budget season. T. O'Conner noted that VLCT has a guide for retreats for Selectboards. They discussed August meetings and when they could have their retreat, with August 6 being a potential date. J. Andrews thought having a multi hour meeting after a full day of work would not be the most productive. The board discussed a 9am-noon schedule on a Saturday Morning or 8am-11. P. Haller also floated the last Saturday in July.

**REVIEW SELECTBOARD CALENDAR AND UPCOMING DEADLINES**
The Selectboard reviewed their calendar and upcoming deadlines. They penned in a short meeting for July 2nd to set the tax rate.

**CORRESPONDENCE**
Kirsten Tyler had sent some correspondence about Japanese Knotweed and areas of concern around the Town Common where it is in need of being controlled. The board wanted to talk about this as an agenda item at a future meeting.

**COMMUNICATION**
4th of July Parade and Events with flyover.

There is a volunteer who has been upkeeping 1705 and P. Haller wanted to shout out Dave Lavallee's hard work on this. The board was appreciative.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**
P. Haller motioned that premature public knowledge revolving personnel would place the town at a significant disadvantage and enter executive session and invite Tommy O'Conner at 7:56 pm. J. Andrews seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**ADJOURN**
The meeting adjourned at  p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Haller
Selectboard Chair

Callie Hamdy
Minute Clerk