

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting

October 6, 2026

Unapproved

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

Others present: Amanda Vincent – Town Administrator, Robert Turner, Michael Miller, Kevin Lambert

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

Review agenda: Remove Library Accessibility Project discussion

Public comment: Robert Turner mentioned there will be a public engagement session for the Municipal Planning Grant on November 7th.

Robert Turner discussed the Road Equipment Reserve Fund.

Kevin Lambert presented his grant funding calendar.

Robert Turner discussed the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund and continued discussing the Road Equipment Reserve Fund. The Selectboard discussed upcoming capital projects.

The Selectboard discussed the FY227-28 budget, specifically the highway fund expenses.

Motion: Tony P. motioned to sign the Big Hollow Access Permit with conditions mentioned. Eric C. second. Motion approved.

David S. provided an update on the Jerusalem Schoolhouse and Fire Station #2. The Selectboard discussed the Fire Station construction timeline and emphasized the importance of completing the project according to the original schedule due to safety concerns associated with not having a place to store the fire truck during freezing temperatures. Concerns were also raised regarding the integrity of the Fire Station foundation, specifically the additional concrete required to increase its height. It is unclear whether the concrete was allowed sufficient time to cure; however, an engineer approved the work.

FEMA Buyouts are continuing to move forward.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to approve the minutes from 9/15 from the hearing and regular meeting. Eric C. second. Motion approved.

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

The Harvest Festival will be on October 24th and the committee is looking for items for the silent auction.

Tony P. will start pricing out road equipment.

There is discussion about studying to move 6th grader to Mount Abe and the potential closure of Beeman. The school bus driver shortage is not solved, but the one resident who had a complaint has been provided a temporary solution.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to enter executive session per 1 VSA §313(1)(3) re: personnel with Town Administrator Amanda V. Eric C. second. Motion approved.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to exit executive session. Tony P. second.

Action: Research payroll processing and support in the office

Motion: Tony P. motioned to enter executive session 1 VSA §313(a)(2) re: real estate purchase. Eric C. second. Motion approved.

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

Action: Amanda V. to contact property owner.

Future Agenda Items: Budget, Library Accessibility

Motion: Eric C. moved to adjourn. Second by David S. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator