

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting  
November 18, 2025  
Unapproved

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**Board members present:** Koran Cousino, Carin McCarthy, David Schmidt, Tony Porter, Eric Cota  
**Others present:** Amanda Vincent – Town Administrator, Katie Antos-Ketcham, Christa

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Koran Cousino called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. at the Starksboro Town Clerk's office.

**Review agenda:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

**Motion:** Eric Cota motioned to enter executive session with Katie Antos-Ketcham. Carin McCarthy second. Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion:** Eric Cota motioned to exit executive session with Katie Antos-Ketcham. Tony Porter second. Motion approved unanimously.

No action taken.

**Current Business:**

**Town Report:** Town Clerk Amy provided a list to the Selectboard as to who is responsible for which sections of the Town Report.

**Budget:** The Selectboard discussed the general fund budget.

**Action:** Ali Thompson to calculate the proposed FY26-27 for the new Workers Comp insurance.

**Action:** Investigate Listers wages for a better prediction for proposed FY26-27

**Action:** Investigate Listers software for a better prediction for proposed FY26-27

**Action:** Investigate Town Office electric and why it's so high.

**Action:** Investigate Bank Fees for a better prediction for proposed FY26-27

**Action:** Investigate property insurance for a better prediction for proposed FY26-27

**Action:** Move \$15,888.00 from 01-6-30-70.07 to Library Lift Project

**Action:** Investigate landfill closure for a better prediction for proposed FY26-27

**Action:** Investigate Line 173 – Actual FY24-25

**Action:** Nail down the technology budget

**Action:** Koran Cousino will reach out to Lanny Smith about painting buildings

**Action:** Tony Porter and Eric Cota will adjust the road equipment replacement schedule

**Ongoing Projects:** It's still unclear if the new Fire Station up south will need a sprinkler system, which could cost upwards of \$30,000. There may be a waiver that we can apply for. FEMA sent us 90% of the funds for the Ireland Road Bridge project. The H&H study was supposed to happen last week. The plan is to bid out the project this winter for next spring.

The Selectboard has decided to move forward with the UVM research study.

The Selectboard wants to apply for the Homeland Security grant.

**Motion:** David Schmidt motioned to approve the minutes from 10/29 and 11/4 with the omission of one sentence. Eric Cota second. Motion approved unanimously.

Carin McCarthy noted the coffee meetup at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse and a Stone Soup Supper on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Future Agenda Items:** Budget, Capital Items for FY26-27, Food Shelf & New Community Project

**Motion:** Carin McCarthy motioned to enter executive session. Eric Cota seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion:** Eric Cota motioned to exit executive session. David Schmidt second. Motion approved unanimously.

Action: Promote Paul Porter to Interim Road Foreman with an increase in pay that will be communicated to the Treasurer. Tony Porter abstained from all conversation.

**Motion:** Eric Cota motioned to approve AP and Payroll. Carin McCarthy second. Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion:** Eric Cota moved to adjourn. Second by David Schmidt. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator