

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting

July 7, 2026

Unapproved

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

Others present: Amanda Vincent – Town Administrator, Paul Porter – Road Foreman

Koran Cousino called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m. at the Starksboro Town Clerk's office.

Review agenda: Add paving contract for Gore Road. Add appointment of Energy Committee candidate. Move Set the Tax Rate to after minutes.

Public comment: None.

Road Foreman Update: Tony P. provided an update on the cost of a new pickup truck. The Selectboard requested that the new pickup is undercoated and well-maintained. Interim Road Foreman Paul P provided an update on insurance and safety walkthroughs, cameras (two wireless and two wired), crushing, mowing, project list, trucks, grants, etc. The Selectboard will look into repairing the roof on the old salt shed and Road Foreman Paul P. will look into repairing the single axle.

Motion: Tony P. motioned to purchase a 2026 Chevy Silverado 3500 gas engine pickup truck. Eric C. second. Motion approved.

Motion: David S. motioned to move forward with the zoning bylaws that includes river corridor bylaws. Tony P. second. Motion passed with a 3-1 vote.

Biweekly payroll has started as of the new fiscal year. A budget update is forthcoming.

David S. provided an update on the Jerusalem Community Center project.

Koran C. provided updates on employee reviews and the road crew new hire.

Motion: Tony P. motioned to provide the listers with a 5% raise. Eric C. second. Motion passed.

The Selectboard discussed health insurance.

Motion: Tony P. motioned to move forward with Building Energy for the weatherization of the Town Office building. Eric C. second. Motion approved.

The Homeward Bound contract will be moved to a future agenda.

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

Motion: Tony P. motioned to approve the minutes from 6/16 and 6/23. David S. second. Motion approved.

Motion: Eric C. motioned to appoint Nate Gusakov to the Energy Committee. Koran C. second. Motion passed with one abstention.

Motion: Eric C. motioned to set the tax rate at .4971. David S. second. Motion passed.

Motion: Tony P. motioned to award Gore Road paving to DNF paving. Eric C. second. Motion passed unanimously.

The Starksboro 250th events are coming up on Friday, July 10th and Saturday, July 11th.

Future Agenda Items: Selectboard Ride-Along, Use of Town Spaces Policy, Homeward Bound, Animal Ordinance

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

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator