

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting

August 18, 2026

Unapproved

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

Others present: Amanda Vincent – Town Administrator, Katie Antos-Ketcham, Michael Miller

Koran Cousino called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. at the Starksboro Town Clerk's office.

Review agenda: None.

Public comment: None.

Road Projects Status: Grants in Aid project work was completed. Eric C. is going to help Road Foreman Paul P. with the paperwork. The guardrail grant may need to be looked into, especially on Dan Sargent Road with repair versus new site.

Library Accessibility: Katie Antos-Ketcham provided an update on the accessible walkway design and the Selectboard gave feedback on two design options.

Motion: Tony P. motioned to ratify the motion for the RoW/Access permit with conditions that was approved at the August 10th Special Meeting. Eric C. second. Motion approved.

Motion: Tony P. motioned to ratify the motion to sign the Tax Certificate, Highway Equipment Note with Community Bank that was approved at the August 10th Special Meeting. Eric C second. Motion approved.

The Selectboard gave the Planning Commission the green light to move forward with the Bylaws.

David S. will check out the kiosk at Cota Field to determine the priority and repair strategy.

The Selectboard reviewed the River Corridor map and decided to hold a hearing on September 15th to start the process of being able to adopt the interim bylaws.

Motion: Tony P. motioned to move forward with warning a public hearing on the interim bylaws including only the River Corridor Bylaws. Second by Carin M. Motion approved.

The Selectboard moved the Town Spaces Policy to the next meeting with the intention of making progress next meeting.

David S. gave an update on the Jerusalem Schoolhouse & Fire Station project.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to sign the Grants in Aid agreement. Tony P. second. Motion approved.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to approve the Class 2 Roadway paving grant. Tony P. second. Motion approved.

The Selectboard decided to keep two years of zoom recordings for Selectboard meetings.

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

Motion: Tony P. motioned to approve the minutes from 8/4 & 8/10 with the correction of attendance. David S. second. Motion approved.

There will be a Harvest Festival on October 17th from 10am-2pm.

The vegetation around the building needs to be trimmed back. Town Administrator Amanda V. will put out a Front Porch Forum post looking for quotes from those who are insured.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to enter executive session per 1 VSA 313(a)(2) re: real estate purchase. Eric C. second. Motion passed.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to exit executive session. Eric C. second. Motion passed.

No action taken.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to enter executive session per 1 VSA 313(a)(1)(3) re: personnel. Tony P. second. Motion passed.

Motion: Carin M. motioned to exit executive session. Eric C. second. Motion passed.

Action: Post a seasonal road crew position for the winter season.

Future Agenda Items: Accessible Walkway Project, Cota Field Repair, Use of Town Spaces

Motion: Tony P. moved to adjourn. Second by Eric C. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator