

Starksboro Selectboard Meeting
October 21, 2025
Unapproved

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

Koran Cousino called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. at the Starksboro Town Clerk's office.

Review agenda: Paving Estimates added after Stormwater Permit for Town Garage.

Public comment: None.

Town Services Officer Update & New Community Project: Town Services Officer Pete hasn't gotten too many calls. In terms of New Community Project, Pete has seen an increase in use of the food share program. In terms of the wood bank, there should be enough fuel to get through this winter. The Selectboard gave permission for Pete to store wood in the old town garage and expand his garden space. Pete Antos-Ketcham and Carin McCarthy discussed educational courses at the schoolhouse around food preservation.

Current Business:

Bylaw Revisions: The Selectboard discussed the bylaw revisions and sent a tentative hearing date for November 10th. The meeting with the MPG consultant will be either November 6th or November 20th at the Planning Commission meeting.

Budget: The Selectboard reviewed the proposed budget and discussed the capital maintenance plan. The FY26-27 budget will include additional hours for the Treasurer and Zoning Admin position.

Action: Town Admin and Treasurer to provide clarity on FY24-25 Line 107 – Miscellaneous, Line 137 – Miscellaneous, Line 152 – Town Office Electricity, Line 203 - Out of Town Appropriations

Action: Town Admin to review meetings and minutes from last year for ACO and THO raises.

Compensation for Town Officials for FY26-27

Board of Civil Authority - \$15 per meeting

Election Officials – State Minimum Wage

Regional Planning Delegates - \$15 per meeting plus mileage

Planning Commission & DRB - \$30 per meeting

Addison County Solid Waste Rep - \$15 per meeting plus mileage

Animal Control Officer - \$15/hour plus mileage, expenses and stipend

Health Officer - \$15/hour plus mileage and expenses

Town Services Officer - \$15/hour plus mileage and expenses

Ongoing Projects: The Library Lift didn't pass inspection. The Town should be receiving the remaining \$30,000 in grant money soon for this project.

Stormwater Permit for Town Garage: Selectboard member Tony Porter will reach out to Otter Creek Engineering for clarification.

Motion: Eric Cota motioned to approve AP and Payroll. David Schdmit second. Motion approved unanimously.

Highway Paving: The Selectboard reviewed the paving quotes. The board is holding off on the decision until they get a third quote.

Future Agenda Items: Budget, Library Budget, LIFT Project, Bylaws, Capital Maintenance Plan, Background on MPG

Motion: Carin McCarthy motioned to enter executive session. Tony Porter seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: Eric Cota motioned to exit executive session. Tony Porter second. Motion approved unanimously.

No action taken.

Motion: Eric Cota moved to adjourn. Second by Tony Porter. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator